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TUESDAY, 8th DAY OF JANUARY, 1946

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the provisions of the various Acts and Orders enabling.

Present: Mr. Michael Dunphy, Vice Chairman of the Council presiding, and Mrs. Lalor, Messrs. William B. Ronan, T. Redmond, S. O'Dubhghaill, J. Doyle, J. Shannon.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed, and all matters referred to the County Manager at last Meeting were duly dealt with by him.

ROADS.

Mr. Redmond drew attention to the rough and dangerous surface of the ground outside Cross Lane Houses, and requested the County Manager to arrange to have the work undertaken with the least possible delay

REFERRED TO COUNTY MANAGER.

Mr. O'Dubhghaill complained of the disrepair of the footpaths at Saint Canice's Terrace.

Mr. Ronan drew attention to the condition of the footpath at Ard NaGriene.

Mr. Ronan further complained that the covering of the 16ft. deep well opposite the residence of Mr. T. Gantley, Irishtown was not secure and requested the Manager to have it attended to.

All referred to County Manager.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Mr. Ronan complained of the lighting at Three Bullet Gate. This lamp was occasionally lighting all day and although a Pilot light it has not been in comission for a long time.

Mrs. Lalor pointed out that the lamp on the pole in Irishtown at corner of Bosheen could be more effective if arranged at an angle to light the Bosheen.

IT WAS ORDERED that the Electricity Supply Board be informed of the wishes of the Council.

RECLAMATION OF MARSHES.

County Manager detailed the position at date. The Department had just informed him by phone that their inspector would be engaged on an examination of the works during the coming forthnight.

It was suggested by a Member that an inspection was made in 1936 and so far no one had been informed of the findings.

Proposed by Mr. O'Dubhghaill.
Seconded by Mr. J. Doyle.

It was agreed to request the Department to supply the Council with a copy of the 1906 Report and also a copy of the results of the present survey.

Mrs. Lalor recalled from the Minutes of the last Meeting that the County Council had been requested to select a Committee to form a deputation from the Council to discuss this matter with the Minister. She understood that the County Deputies had waited on the

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Minister and that the County Council might have their report at next Meeting.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor.
Seconded by Mr. O'Dubhghaill.

It was agreed that the present Meeting stand adjourned to meet as soon as a communication has been received from the Wexford County Council on the result of the Deputies interview with the Minister.

FREE MILK SCHEME

Replying to Mrs. Lalor Town Clerk informed the Meeting that no communication had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health since last Meeting.

It was decided to address a letter to the Department requesting a reply to the Council's suggestion to provide more milk.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS

Query 2066/2/43 dated 13th December, 1945 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting to be informed of the present position in regard to the submission of draft byelaws for provisional approval.

It was decided to request the Department to advise if the New Public Health Act will alter the existing Model Byelaws.

NAMING OF CHARLETON HILL

Replying to the Chair, County Manager informed the Meeting he would consider the Names submitted to him and convey his decision at the earliest possible date.

PURCHASE OF LAND - PART OF WINDMILL FIELD.

County Manager reported that he had approved of the acquisenting by the Council of two statute acres of land being the land for some years occupied by the Council and let to allotment holders. He offered £200 for the fee simple free of rent to the Trustees of the Sister of Mercy New Ross the Owners, and the Auctioneers had accepted his offer. He proposed as soon as circumstances permitted to use this valuable piece of land for housing. The adjoining four acres would later be acquired for the same purpose.

Proposed by Mr. W. Ronan.
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor .

The purchase was unanimously approved and the Conditions of Sale duly endorsed "approved" by the Chairman and County Manager.

RATE OF INTEREST ON BORROWING

Mr. Ronan suggested that a resolution should be sent from the Council objecting to the present high rate of interest, charged by the Department on money borrowed for the several purposes of the Council.

Mr. Redmond referred to a report in the Press that the Dublin Corporation are able to borrow at 2¾%.

Town Clerk states that this matter had been the subject of numeroud resolutions of the Conference of Municipal Authorities but no action had so far been taken by the Government.

Decided that the County Manager investigate the possibility of borrowing at a lesser rate of interest.

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LETTING OF PIECE OF GROUND AT IRISHTOWN

County Manager reported having let a piece of ground in Irishtown forming a part of the ground formerly known as Galavan's Yard to John Nolan, Fair Gate at a yearly rent of £3, the tenancy to be determinéd on six months notice in writing.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan.
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor.

The Council approved of the letting and the deed of agreement was duly signed by the County Manager. The Seal of the Council was witnessed by the Vice Chairman.

Fishouse Reconstruction

County Manager reported that he would require about another £75 for the additional work needed to complete the work of reconstruction of this store. A sum of £150 had been voted by the Council and it was expended duly. Some extra work was necessary and he had received a tender for it.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor.
Seconded by Mr. Redmond.

The Council unanimously voted a further sum of £75 to enable the work to be completed.

Presiding Chairman having extended his good wishes for the New Year to the Council, the County Manager and the Officials

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

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Chairman J. blaikie 12/2/46

TUESDAY the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 1946

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and extraordinary business of which due notice was given.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman, presiding and
Messrs. T. Redmond, W. Ronan and M. Dunphy.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting having been read and confirmed.

Vote of Sympathy and Adjournment

Mr. Chairman moved that the condolence of the Council be extended to Councillor S. O'Dubhghaill in his bereavement caused by the death of his father, and that this Meeting stand adjourned to Tuesday the 26th instant, 7.30 o'clock, as a mark of respect.

Mr. Ronan Seconded.

The vote having been endorsed by the other members and the County Manager.

The Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman T. Clarkin 26/2/46.

TUESDAY 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1946.

The adjourned Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and the following special business of which due notice was given, viz.-

1. Passing of Town Planning Resolution.
2. Public Health Byelaws.
3. Local Government Bill, 1945.
4. Allotments for 1946/47.
5. Fix date of Estimates Meeting.

and Resolutions from Various Public Bodies.

PRESENT:- Mr. Thomas Clarkin, Chairman, presiding.
Mrs. Lalor, Messrs. W. Ronan, S. O'Dubhghaill, J. Shannon, M. Dunphy and James Doyle.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter was read from Councillor S. O'Dubhghaill thanking the Council and the County Manager for vote of sympathy on the death of his father.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS.
Planning Resolution

Proposed by Mrs. Brigid Lalor.
Seconded by Mr. Michael Dunphy.

"That the New Ross Urban District Council being the district planning authority for the following planning district, that is to say, the Urban District of New Ross, hereby decides to make a district planning scheme for the following area, being the whole of such planning district, that is to say the area consisting of the whole of the said Urban District of New Ross."

Proposed by Mr. William Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Thomas Clarkin.

"That the consideration of the Planning Resolution be deferred until the Council are fully informed of the expenses to be incurred and the value to the Ratepayers of the Scheme."

The Amendment was declared lost in a show of hands.

The Original Resolution was then put to the Meeting and on a show of hands there voted for :-
Mrs. B. Lalor, Messrs. S. O'Dubhghaill, James Doyle and M. Dunphy.
against:-
Chairman, William B. Ronan and John Shannon.

As the majority was less than more than one half the members of the Planning Authority the Resolution was not passed.

RESOLUTION FROM KINSALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Proposed by W.B. Ronan, Esq.

Seconded by Mrs. Lalor the resolution of the above Council requesting the Government to take steps to make Loans available for Urban Councils at a rate of interest not exceeding 3%, was passed.

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Proposed by Mr. W. Ronan.

Seconded by Mrs. Lalor,

It was decided to add to the Kinsale Resolution "or alternatively that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to permit the New Ross Urban Council to issue Loan Stock."

CARRICKMACROSS URBAN COUNCIL.

The resolution referring to the compilation of the telephone directory in alphabetical order was agreed to.

POOR RATE DEMAND FOR 1946/47

Statement showing the amounts which will be demanded by the Wexford County Council for the year ended 31st March, 1947 was read. Total demanded £5323. 11. 10 plus £473. 11. 3. for maintenance of Urban Roads.

FIXING OF DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING

Proposed by Mr. Chairman.

Seconded by Mrs. Lalor.

Tuesday the 12th day of March, 1946 was fixed as the date for the Estimates Meeting.

PLANNING RESOLUTION BY KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

Clerk reported and read, (1) Notice of intention to propose Planning Resolution for the County Health District of Kilkenny, dated 28th December, 1945 and (2) Notice of Passing of a Planning Resolution for the same area dated 19th February, 1946".

The Meeting adjourned to attend Public Meeting in aid of the Fund for the building of the New National School - Mercy Convent.

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TUESDAY THE 12th DAY OF MARCH, 1946

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council pursuant to the provisions of the various Acts enabling and a Special Meeting was held to determine the Estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1947 of which due Notice was given and the Estimates circulated according to law.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman, presiding. Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. T. Redmond, S. O'Dubhghaill amd M. Dunphy.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed By Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond a vote of condolence was passed to the Rev. James Nolan.C.C. New Ross on the death of his brother Mr. Felix Nolan.

AUDITOR'S REPORT
Two Years ended 31st March, 1945

The Reports and Abstracts of Accounts were read by the Town Clerk.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor The Reports and Abstracts of Accounts were duly adopted.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES

The County Manager submitted his Estimate of the monies required for the services of the Council for the ensuing year.

Town Clerk read the particulars of the Manager's Estimate and intimated that the Manager's explanatory note on the Estimates had been printed and circulated to the Members and the Press.

Each item having been discussed by the Members
Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor it was decided to omit the cost of installation of Water Meter £150.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was decided to protest against the 30% increase in the tender of the E.S.B. for Public Lighting.

Proposed by Mr. O'Doubhghaill
Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was decided to request the County Manager to inspect the environs of the Fishouse Lavatory and arrange for more privacy there from the river side.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor it was decided to request the County Manager to investigate the cause of the increase in school meals estimate, with a view to eliminating waste if and in so far as same contributes to the increase.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATES

The County Manager explained that the increase in the rate was due to the rise in the cost of materials and services. In view however, of the rather steep increase he considered it opportune to apportion the credit balance in relief. This sum would reduce the rate

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in the £ by 1/11 which with the deletion of the cost of the meter would bring the total rate to £1. 5. 0 in the £.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond the Estimates were adopted and the following rates were agreed :-

Poor Rate - 11/9 in the £.
Town Rate - 11/9 do.
Domestic Water Rate 1/6 in the £, subject to a mimimum of 10/-.

FLOODING OF MARSHES

Chairman intimated he had been approached on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and was informed that the Chamber had requested the Minister for Lands to visit the town with a view to acquainting himself of the perilous state of the marshes. The Minister consented but on condition that he could only come as the guest of the New Ross U.D.C. He, Chairman therefore requested the Councills views.

After a discussion it was

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Redmond and adopted that the Minister be duly invited and preparations made accordingly between the Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

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TUESDAY THE 9th DAY OF APRIL, 1946

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening in the Tholsel, New Ross at 7.30 o'clock p.m. pursuant to the various Acts enabling:-

PRESENT:- Mr. Thomas Clarkin, Chairman, presiding.
Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. W.B. Ronan, S. O'Dubhghaill and James Doyle.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting having been read were confirmed.

ABSENCE OF COUNTY MANAGER

Clerk intimated that he had received a phone message that the County Manager was unable to attend.

FREE MEALS

Mr. Ronan, arising out of the reading of the last Minutes, enquired of the constituents of the meals supplied to the children and was informed that in Summer Season, bread butter and milk were supplied and in Winter bread butter or jam and milk were supplied and vouched by the nuns, Christian Brother and Mr. O'Donovan, Michael Street Schools.

Mr. Ronan stated that he was informed that only bread was supplied at least in the case of one boy.

Mrs. Lalor stated that she could back Mr. Ronan in this. The Town Clerk, in the absence of the County Manager requested the Council to insist on the name of the boy, his address and the School. Mr. Ronan gave the undertaking to supply the required information as soon as he had verified the same.

The Town Clerk reminded the Council that they assembled as responsible Citizens and should not permit of unsubstantiated statements in the assembly. The old School Meals Committee consisted of very eminent persons in their professions. During their regime £160 was adequate for school meals. Not it required £560 for the service.

On the motion of Mr. Ronan.
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor it was decided to ask the County Manager to submit to the Council a detailed account of the milk supplied to each school, Mr. Ronan and Mrs. Lalor agreeing to substantiate their allegations as aforewritten.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SYMPATHY VOTE

The following was read "The Widow, Father, Brothers and Sisters of the late Felix Nolan will hold in grateful rememberance your kind expression of sympathy with them in their recent bereavement".

LISTOWEL URBAN COUNCIL RESOLUTION
Jubilee Nursing Services.

Resolution dated 19th March, 1946 from above Council having been read as follows -
" That in the interests of the poor we protest most strongly against the proposed withdrawal of the Public Health Grants from the Jubilee Nursing Service".

Chairman gave the opinion that as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had in recent

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editions of the Press given the assurance that the Jubilee Nurses would be absorbed in the Health Services, the Council should consider the objective of the resolution served.

No. Action.

DUNGARVAN U.D.C. RESOLUTION
Strike of National Teachers

Clerk having read the resolution as follows- "That with a view to ending the suspension of education and control on Thirty thousand Dublin School-childre, and the resultant danger to Life, Morals and education of the Children, We, the Dungarvan Urban District Council call on the Public Bodies of Eire to join with us in requesting that the Minister for Education and the I.N.T.O., Meet, with a view to settling the Teachers' Strike before further harm is done or before the Strike may spread with danger to the Children of Eire. Copies to be sent to the Minister for Education, the I.N.T.O, and all Public Bodies," Chairman asked the Council not to intervene. The Organisation were very well able to fight the cause in hand and although obliged for the assistance of local representatives they should be able to succeed in their first demands.

No. Action.

REPRESENTATION - WATERFORD POST SANITARY AUTHORITY

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor Mr. W. B. Ronan was elected the Council's representative on the Waterford and New Ross Sanitary Authority.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to the various Acts enabling the following documents were sealed in the presence of the Chairman of the Council and duly signed by him viz. -
With Patrick Crane for tenancy of house No. 64, Charleton Hill, New Ross.
" Arthur J. Nix for tenancy of house No. 56 Charleton Hill, New Ross.
" John Dunne, William St. New Ross for tenancy of House No.5. William Street, New Ross.

WATERWORKS

Mr. Ronan wished to know the present state of the investigations into the admitted water shortage ~~supply~~ to the town. Various reports had been read to the Council but nothing had, so far as the Council was concerned, been done.

Replying to some members and particularly Mr. Ronan, Clerk stated that an Engineer had been appointed to undertake this work subject to the sanction of the Minister. Certain formalities , as Mr. Ronan must admit, had to be entertained and a matter of some tens of thousands required more than ordinary assimulation. The rates were high enough. No provision for the services now required were provided for in the Estimates, the County Manager, being the responsible Authority, having decided against same. The only index to be given was that in 1903 the waterworks cost £12,000.

Clerk intimated that although the Council had not budgeted for the provision of an augmented Water Service they could now by resolution arrange with the County Manager for the work.

ADJOURNED.

Motion by Mrs. Lalor.
"That the New Ross Urban District Council ask the Tourist Development Board to carry out a survey of the districts of Fethard, Cullinstown, Duncannon, Barrow, Arthurstown and adjoining and adjacent seaside strands with a view to their development as Tourist centres and that the Wexford County Council and the New Ross Chamber of Commerce be asked to co-operate in furthering this project.

AGREED.

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ROAD TRAFFIC ACTS

Mrs. Lalor moved "that although that the Guards know their duty and do it nevertheless the possibility of conjestion of Traffic might occur in even unreasonable circumstances, it is the opinion of the Council certain parking places might recommend themselves to the Guards and that to prevent potential danger the Civic Guards be asked to co-operate to prevent avoidable accidents withinthe Urban Area".

Mr. Roaan proposed the resolution on the ground that no resolution of the Coulcil should be passed to tend towards restriction of the trade in the town.

On the advice of the Chairman it was decided that the Gards Siochana be asked if they needed any increase in the jpowers vested in them and if jthe Council can assist in what particulars.

HOSPITAL FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Mrs. Lalor expressed anxiety as to the hospital accomidation in the Urban Area for, in particular urgency cases. She instanced a very urgent case. The present accomodation in the town could not entertain the case and the birth took place in a very confined atmosphere.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY THE 14TH DAY OF MAY, 1946

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 p.m. to transact the ordinary business of the Council pursuant to the various Acts and Orders enabling and to make the rates for the services of the financial year ended on the 31st March, 1947, of which due notice was given to each Councillor.

As there was no attendance of members at the hour fixed due to the services of the Mission in the Parish Church clashing with the hour, the Town Clerk on the advice of the Chairman adjourned the Meeting till 9.0 o'clock.

At 9 o'clock after due notice had been given to each member of the adjourned Meeting the following were PRESENT :-

Mr. Thomas Clarkin, Chairman, presiding,
Messrs S. O'Dubhghaill, Thos. Redmond, J. Dunphy, W.B. Ronan and Mrs. Lalor.

The County Manager through the Town Clerk apologised for being unable to remain over for the adjourned Meeting. He was given to understand anyway that only the business of making the rate would be proceeded with.

MAKING THE RATES

Town Rate

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, and resolved,
"That we raise the sum of four thousand, nine hundred and fifty one pounds, twelve shillings and eleven pence as and for Town Rate, and for that purpose make a Town Rate of Eleven shillings and Nine pence in the pound for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April, 1946 and ending on the 31st day of March, 1947, upon the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, and that same be collected in two moieties :-
The First on or before the 30th day of September, 1946, together with arrears of One hundred and Seventy Seven pounds, five shillings and eight pence and
The Second on or before the 31st day of March, 1947."

Domestic Water Rate

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, and resolved
"That we raise the sum of Four hundred and Thirty five pounds, twelve shillings and one penny as and for Domestic Water Rate and for that purpose we hereby make a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling and six pence in the pound (subject to a Minimum of ten shillings per year) under the provisions of the public Health (Ireland) Acts, on the valuation of premises supplied with water for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April, 1945 and ending on the 31st day of March 1947, and shall be collected in two moieties:-
The First on or before the 30th day of September, 1946 and
The Second on or before 31st March, 1947."

Poor Rate Resolution

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, and resolved
"That we raise the sum of Five Thousand and forty nine pounds, seven shillings as and for Poor Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a Poor Rate of Eleven Shillings and three pence in the pound for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1947, upon the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, pursuant to the Local Government Act, 1898, and other Acts incorporated therewith, and that same be collected in two moieties:-
The First on or before the 30th day of September, 1946, together

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with arrears of One Hundred and forty seven pounds, fifteen shillings, and The Second on or before the 31st day of March, 1947."

Rate Allowance

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, and resolved.

"The Poor Rate, Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate, and the several Poor Rates, Town Rates and Domestic Water Rates herein before set forth were made by the Council of the New Ross Urban District at their Meeting held this day, the same to be collected in two half-yearly moieties, that is to say the first Moiety on and after the 1st day of April, 1946 and the second on and after the 1st day of October next ensuing."

The resolutioms were then signed by the six members of the Council present.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,
The Common Seal of the Council was embossed on each of the resolutions in the Rate Book and witnessed by the Chairman.

Sealing of Rate Warrants

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Chairman the Seal of Council was embossed on the Warrants to Collect and Levy Rates.

FACTORY SITE

The Chairman drew attention to a Factory Site advertised as "wanted" in the Press. In his opinion the town of New Ross should not let this opportunity go by without making an effort to capture the factory.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor it was agreed that Councillor Ronan and the Town Clerk interview the President and Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce with a view to interesting their body in the matter.

Mr. Redmond, by permission of the Chairman, retired from the Meeting.

LETTING OF HOUSES

Mr. Ronan Drew attention to the untenable position

obvious at present in the letting of houses.

He was aware that there was a number of families living in rooms which should have been condemned long ago, and in some cases a single room in which the parents are trying to raise a family. He understood from the Town Clerk that several people who had been offered slum clearance houses, refused to occupy new houses, and in his opinion the Council should take some steps to have the law altered to permit the houses as they become vacant to be given to the most deserving cases.

Mr. Dunphy stated that he understood that the County Manager had made a rule to guide himself in the letting of better class houses e.g. houses at Charleton Hill let at 12/6 per week. The rule is that when a house becomes vacant it is advertised by poster and applications receive consideration. One apparently gets the house and the remainder are assured of similar houses as they become vacant.

The Council considered that this might lead to false economy. It would be better to let the house and then as each house becomes vacant give everyone an opportunity of submitting their case, which would by the continued operation of the rule become impossible.

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VACANT HOUSES

Mr. Ronan, Mr. Dunphy and Mrs. Lalor drew attention to vacant houses. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Medical Officer of Health had been asked to make a report to the County Manager, with a view to letting the houses to other than those who had been originally appointed by the Manager.

SEAN McCAUGHEY
Vote of Sympathy Adjourned

Councillor Sean O'Dubhghaill handed the following resolution in Irish to the Chairman :-

"That in view of the alarming facts brought to light in the inquest on Sean McCaughey, we, The Urban District Council of New Ross at the Meeting assembled demand that the Government give political treatment to all political prisoners in Eire.

We convey our deepest sympathies to the relations and friends of Sean McCaughey and as a mark of respect we adjourn this Meeting"

The Motion was seconded by the Chairman.

Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Dunphy supported the resolution.

Councillor William Ronan suggested to the Chair that the Resolution was political and ruled that it was not the business of the Council to consider political resolutions. The Council met to do the business of the town and whilst his sympathy might be as much with the relatives and friends of Sean McCaughey as the Mover and Seconder and Supporters of the Resolution, yet he did not consider the meeting a place for politics.

The Chairman ruled that the Council by a deliberate Act had suspended Standing Orders and rescinded to the only form of resolution which would enable him to rule in favour of Mr. Ronan's contention.

No doubt he had the power to make a ruling on the question submitted but he asked the Council to take it once and for all that if any member were to move any motion, political or otherwise he would accept it in view of the decision of the Council.

As far as Mr. Ronan's application was concerned in this case the Council were barely asked to extend their sympathy on behalf of New Ross on the death of Sean McCaughey and the Council were only asked to do that in accordance with the dictates of humanity.

There was no politics in it and the Council's silence could be taken as acquiscence in the death of Sean McCaughey.

Mr. Ronan still protested that because he was a Councillor he should not be forced to give an expression of his political opinions.

The Resolution was passed, Mr. Ronan stating that he was not taking part in the vote.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that the resolution be sent to the "Daily Press". Town Clerk having informed the Meeting that he would communicate their viees to the Journalistic Fraternity in New Ross The MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Chairman Thomas Blackin

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TUESDAY 11th DAY OF JUNE, 1946

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and the following business, of which due notice was given, viz -

1. Arrange date and hour for the holding of the Annual Meeting.
2. Letter from the Irish Land Commission in regard to the question of repairing the breach in the embankment of the townsland of Garranbehy Big, Estate of Lady Annaley.
3. Scheme for Active Immunization against Diphtheria.

PRESENT :- Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman, Presiding.
Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. M. Dunphy, J. Shannon and S. O'Dubhghaill.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

ANNUAL MEETING

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, Tuesday the 25th day of June, 1946 was fixed for the holding of the Annual Meeting and the time 7.30 o'clock p.m.

MEETING TO ELECT TWO MEMBERS TO THE NEW HARBOUR BOARD.

Letter H. B. 21. dated 24th Bealtaine, 1946 was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Dublin referring to the Harbours Act, 1946 and an Order of the Minister under Section 6 of the Act reconstituting the New Ross Harbour Authority this year. Section 7 (2) (a) (i) requires the appointment of two members of the Council to the Harbour Authority, and the appointments under Sec. 10 must be made between 7th July and 31st August next.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, Tuesday the 9 July ~~25th day of June~~, 1946 was fixed for the holding of the ~~Annual~~ Meeting and the time 7.30 o'clock p.m.

FLOODING OF MARSHES

Letter P.18017/46 dated 16th Bealtaine, 1946 was read from the Irish Land Commission, Dublin that representations have been made to the Department in regard to repairing a breach in the embankment on the Estate of Lady Annaly at Garranbehy Big. The place was inspected and the estimated cost of the works will amount to £1700. The Land Commission have no responsibility for the repair or maintenance of this embankment. As New Ross is affected by the flooding the Council should bear a share of the cost and the Department wish to be informed if the Council will contribute at least £150 in the event of the repairs being undertaken by the Land Commission.

Clerk intimated he had consulted the Chairman of the Council, the County Manager and Mr. Redmond on receipt of the Communication. As a result the matter was referred to the ordinary Meeting of the Council.

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Chairman suggested that for the general health of the community he could see no indication in the letter of repair to the more serious breaches to the north and south of the town. He was concerned also with the responsibility of the Council for the maintenance of the breaches in the future.

Mr. O'Doubhghaill contended that the owners of the marshes must have some responsibility. If they repudiated responsibility it should be possible for say the Forestry Department to take over the lands.

Mrs. Lalor considered that the Owners could not in reason be expected to repair and maintain the banks at present owing to the exceptional flooding.

The County Manager advised that should the Council undertake their share of the costs of repair a private rate could be raised to recoup the expenditure.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor "That the Law Advisor to the Council be instructed to inform the Council of the responsibility of the Council should they agree to the contribution.

Passed Nem.Con.

Proposed by Mr. O'Dubhghaill
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy - it was agreed that a deputation comprised of Mrs. Lalor and Sean O'Dubhghaill interview the landowners to obtain their views on the various matters raised during the diseussion and regarding the repair and maintenance of the breaches north and south of the town.

It was agreed also that a reply to the Department's letter be deferred pending the result of the interview.

ST. CANICE'S TERRACE - FOOTPATH

Mr. O'Doubhghaill drew attention to the disrepair of this footpath.

Referred to County Manager.

FACTORY SITE

Clerk informed the Meeting that no reply had been received to the Council's offer of a site for a factory which had been sent in reply to advertisement in the Press of the 15th May, 1946.

No Order.

IMMUNIZATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

County Medical Officer of Health submitted a scheme hereunder for the ensuing year.

It was determined that the matter was one for the County Manager.

Arising thereout
The County Manager replying to several inquiries from the Members of the Council stated that Dr. Kissaine was the Medical Officer of Health for New Ross acting by her deputy Dr. G.A. Hickey.

He received an application from Dr. Kissane for an indefinite leave of absence and refused it.

The Minister for Local Government on appeal to him exercised his powers under an Emergency Powers Order 1943 and granted

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the application on the grounds that Dr. Kissane's husband's duties as Parliamentary Secretary were wholetime and necessitated constant attendance in Dublin, and to obviate a break in family life.

The Manager stated he had fully informed the Council at the time. The period of the leave would count for pension purposes for Dr. Kissane, but not for her deputy.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday the 25th day of June, 1946

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on Tuesday the 25th day of June, 1946 at the hour of 7.30 o'clock p.m., pursuant to the Local Elections Act, 1927 and the Resolution of the Council passed at the last Meeting.

PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas Clarkin, Chairman, Presiding and Messrs. J. Doyle, S. O'Doubhghaill, John Shannon and Michael Dunphy

The Clerk reported the regret of the County Manager that he was unable to attend owing to absence on official business in Dublin.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and signed.

Chairman expressed his thanks to and appreciation of the Councillors for their co-operation during his first year of office. His duties were considerably lightened by the Councillor's regard to the interests of the work of the Council. He also desired to, on his own behalf, and on behalf of the Council, place on record appreciation for his remarkable attendace at the Meetings and his most helpful attitude. He made the autocratic Management Act democratic.

To the officials of the Council he also desired to tender his thanks.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Mr. S. O'Dubhghaill,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy, Mr. T. Clarkin was unanimously re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Mr. J. Doyle,
Seconded by Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill, Mr. M. Dunphy was unanimously re-elected Vice-Chairman.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman then signed the Declaration acception office.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY

Proposed by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Shannon, Messrs. J. Doyle, M. Dunphy and S.O'Dubhghaill were elected to this Committee.

WATERFORD & POST SANITARY AUTHORITY

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. J. Doyle, Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill was unanimously elected representative on this Board.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY the 9th DAY OF JULY, 1946

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the ordinary business of the Council and to elect two members of the Council to the New Ross Harbour Board.

PRESENT:

Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman, Presiding.
Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. S. O'Dubhghaill, W. Ronan
Mr Dunphy, James Doyle and J. Shannon.

The County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous ordinary Meeting were read and confirmed.

HARBOUR BOARD

Election of Two Members

Letter H.B. 21 dated 24th Bealtaine, 1946, from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Dublin having again been read with the order enabling,

Proposed by Mr. Doyle,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, Messrs. O'Dubhghaill and Dunphy
were elected members of the New Ross Harbour authority.

FLOODING OF MARSHES

Arising out of the reading of the Minute hereunder Mrs. Lalor reported to the Council that no progress had been made so far as the deputation appointed at last Meeting had been concerned.

Mr. O'Dubhghaill reported that he thought it best not to interview the owners of the marshes without the prior consent of the Council to a number of questions which he proposed to put to them, and proceeded to inform the Council of the said questions.

Mrs. Lalor suggested that the first question should be to ascertain the name of the owner or owners of the marshes and not the occupiers alone.

Mr. Ronan contended that the method adopted by the Council would appear to lead to results of some distant date. At the initial Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce they answered most of the questions proposed to be put to them.

The Government had suggested that a figure of £5000 would be required towards which the County Council's contribution would be £500 and the New Ross Urban District Council £100. The letter now before the Council appeared to be completely different.

Mrs. Lalor proposed that the Meeting pass on to the next business. There was no seconder.

Clerk intimated that there was no reply from the legal advisors to the Council, so far.

NO ORDER.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH /.
Leave of Absence for indefinite period.

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OBJECTION TO PRESS REPORTS.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor,

"That we, the members of the New Ross Urban District Council express dissatisfaction with the Press, particularly the'New Ross Standard',on the grounds that the reports of the Meetings of the Council were inadequate, inaccurate and misleading, and that particularly motions moved in Irish were not reported."

Moving the motion Chairman referred particularly to recent reports on (1) Leave of absence of the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kissane, (2) His own and the Council's appreciation of the work of the County Manager.

As regards the latter the report conveyed the impression that he was in favour of the County Management Act. He was never in favour of it and he never said he was. He did'nt know who was to blame.

Mr. O'Dubhghaill in supporting the motion stated that as the Medical Officer of Health was an officer of the Council they should see that the work was carried out by her,and that from the information he had received it appeared to him that it was a cause for public enquiry.

Mr. Ronan,on a point of order, objected that Mr. O'Dubhghaill had nothing to do with Dr. Kissane.

Chairman ruled in favour of Mr. Ronan.

Mr. J. Doyle expressed the opinion that it made very little difference whether the Council's considerations were supported or not, as apparently the Council had very little power.

Eventually it was agreed to pass the resolution, Mr. Ronan dissenting.

SCAVENGING OF STREETS

The County Manager having intimated that from his reports, Dust-bins were collected three times during a day in North Street and other stfeets in the town, there was a tendancy to leave undone important cleansing work in the town. He wanted strictly to enforce his scheme for the cleansing of the town and so would like to warn householders that proper dust-bins should be provided by each householder, and that they should be put out for collection at the time specified by him in his programme under the Scavenging system.

Council recommended that hand-bills be distributed to the towns people in relation to this matter.

HOUSING

Mr. F. B. Meehan of the firm of Messrs. Downes & Meehan, Architects, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin attended the Meeting on the invitation of the Councy Manager, for the purpose of advising on the proposed New Housing Scheme.

The County Manager introducing Mr. Meehan, reminded the Council that in the year 1939 plans had been prepared and submitted by Messrs. Downes and Meehan, and subsequently approved by the Department for the completion of the Charleton Hill Housing Scheme - i.e. the erection of forty-nine houses to provide for slum clearance. For reasons best known to the Council the work was suspended. The provision of these forty-nine houses now he recommended for the consideration of the Council. Other sites had since been acquired e.g. Derelict Sites and the land recently acquired at Windmill field.

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Loan terms had been reduced to 2½% and the recoupment of 2/3rds of the annhal charges on account up to £350 remains.

Mr. Meehan, submitted plans for the potential housing scheme in detail and stated that they were substantially the same as already erected, with the exception of the bathroom and bath missing from the former plans. The cost worked out at £850 per house.

The Council having expressed a preference for the erection of some thirty or forty Artizans Dwellings, the County Manager informed the Council that in addition to the fall in the rate of interest the Government provided - according to the Minister - a sum from a special fund, which he, the Minister, stated would leave the economic rent within the means of wage earners - perhaps something less than 10/- per week.

Decided to postpone consideration for two months to enable the Architects to submit detailed plans, specifications and estimates, and the County Manager to provide his estimate of the weekly rent and the location of the houses - 100 to 150 houses.

SANITATION

Chairman reviewing the activities of the Council dwelt on the necessity for a vigorous prosecution of the work providing sanitary accomodation in the large houses in the town.

Mrs. Lalor stated she had a list of houses in which accomodation was required and would furnish the list to the Town Clerk.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, it was decided to write to the Land-lords concerned, allowing fourteen days for a reply, as soon as the list was submitted, and to adjourn the Meeting for three weeks to receive replies and to recommend the County Manager to take the necessary legal action where necessary thereafter.

DISQUALFIED MEMBER

Replying to Mr. James Doyle, Clerk stated that six months was the legal limit for disqualification. He would inform the next ordinary Meeting if any member was so absent.

County Manager and Chairman expressed the opinion that the law might have been recently altered.

Referred to Town Clerk.

ST. STEPHAN'S CEMETARY COMMITTEE

The Members of this Committee present agreed that no Meeting had been held for over a year and requested information as to the reason.

The County Manager replied stating that there should be no difficulty in having a Meeting called. If, as suggested the Secretary is responsible, any two Members or the Chairman could call a Meeting at any time and request the presence of the Secretary.

It was decided that the Town Clerk arrange with the Secretary to call a Meeting without undue delay.

PALING OUTSIDE HOUSE - CROSS LANE

Mr. J. Doyle reported that recently a paling had been erected.

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outside the house occupied by Mr. Cullen, by order of the County Manager and under the supervision of his officer, and that it was defective.

Referred to County Manager.

ALL IRELAND GAELIC FINALS AND SEMI-FINALS.

Proposed by Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill and agreed -

"That Coras Iompair Eireann be requested to run trains in connectinn with above, to facilitate the travelling public from New Ross and district, as formerly".

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

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TUESDAY, 30th DAY OF JULY, 1946.

An adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening in the Tholsel, New Ross at 7.30 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Council Resolution dated the 9th day of July, 1946, relative to the provision of Sanitary Accomodation to certain houses in the town, viz:- those occupied by Thomas Bailey, Irishtown, Michael Murphy, Neville St., Patrick Walsh, Neville St., John Nolan, High Hill, Michael Brennan, Wexford Street, Johanna McGee, Irishtown and Lawrence Butler, Mary Street.

PRESENT:- Mr. M. Dunphy, Vice Chairman, presiding and Messrs. S. O'Doubhghaill and James Doyle.

Mr. George Cannon, Deputy County Manager was in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated 29th July, 1946 was read from the Agent to the Tottenham Estate as follows:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst. re houses occupied by Lawrence Butler, Mary St., Ml. Murphy and Patrick Walsh, Neville St., and John Nolan, High Hill, and can inform you that I am looking into this matter and if the houses are worthy of the expenditure of erecting W.C/s I will consider doing so, but otherwise I will not spend money on them.

If you insist upon Sanitation in a house which I consider not worthy of the expense, the house will have to be closed."

Letter dated 29th July, 1946 was read from Mr. Martin Hanlon, Irishtown as follows:-

" There is a very good dry closet in the house occupied by Thomas Bailey and he has never made any complaint to me about it.

The town water is not in the house and it would cost a lot of money to do the work at the present time. There is no danger to health in the house at present. If the Council will wait for a while until things get cheaper I will do the best I can."

Clerk reported that no replies had been received from Messrs. Poyntz and Mooney, the other landlords.

Replying to the Chair, Clerk detailed the procedure laid down in such cases. The business was not a reserved function so that the Council could now suggest to the County Manager that he should instruct his competent officers to report on the houses and take the necessary steps to have the work done.

Agreed.

TRAINS TO GAELIC MATCHES

Replying to Mr. O'Doubhghaill, Clerk read a letter dated 17th July, 1946 from Coras Iompair Eireann, that the supply position is still very unsatisfactory and that the company is specifically precluded from operating special services for sporting or like events.

No Action.

MEETING OF ST. STEPHAN'S CEMETARY COMMITTEE

Replying to the Chair, Clerk stated the Secretary to the Committee had called and advanced three reasons for not calling Meetings

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viz :- (1) The Committee refused to elect a Chairman, (2) Mr. Ml.Dunphy resigned membership and (3) Since the New Committeed was elected he had not been advised of the members elected by the County Council, and until he had received same the Annual Meeting could not be held.

No. Order.

EMPLOYMENT VOTE 1946/47

Clerk intimated that the Deputy County Manager had received a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, that a sum of £900 had been provisionally fixed for schemes such as the provision of public parks and playgrounds, clearance of derelict sites and other works of local amenity, apart from road works, subject to a contribution of £115 by the Council. Housing site development works may qual qualify for the Grant but the Council should contribute 50% of the Grant. Notification of the Council's intentions should reach the Department before 20th August, 1946. Land cost and other works not directly relating to employment must be provided by the Council.

The Deputy County Manager stated that for some years the Council had agreed to works on the roads which was undertaken by the County Council. The Council might now desire to accept the Grant for amenity schemes. With the Acting Town Surveyor and the Town Clerk he had inspected the proposed parks at Barrack Lane and the Show Grounds and considered the reclamation of the waste ground fronting the Council's houses at Ard-Na-Greene.

The Council should now consider any other schemes and he would instruct the Surveyor to prepare estimates which could be considered at their next ordinary Meeting.

Mr. O'Doubhghaill suggested a swimming pool at Clausheen, Rosbercon and invited the Deputy County Manager to inspect same after the Meeting.

Mr. Chairman suggested the Grant could be expended on the old quarry on ~~en~~ the High Hill which would absorbe a 100% of labour.

Referred to County Manager for report.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL NEW ROAD

Mr. Shannon drew attention to the non-lighting of this area. The Electricity Supply Board should be asked to at least provide a public lamp on the existing pole there.

Agreed.

WALL AT ROSBERCON

Mr. Chairman suggested that the Manager consider the erection of a wall between the boathouse wall and the Railway wall - opposite Mr. Dooley's premises at Rosbercon to prevent the camping of tramps and the nuisance caused thereby in the neighbourhood.

Referred to County Manager.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES

Mr. Chairman drew attention to repairs necessary to No. 1 Abbey View.

Mr. James Doyle referred to the leaking tank at No. 7. Abbey View. The plumber had visited the house and reported that a new tank was required.

Referred to County Manager.

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THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY THE 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 1946

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Dunphy, Vice-Chairman presided.
Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. T. Redmond, James Doyle and J. Shannon.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes of the previous Meeting the Council expressed incredulity that the Electricity Supply Board could not entertain a proportion to provide public lighting for over 400 of a population, apart from the potential consumption of 76 houses as private consumers.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. James Doyle, "it was decided to apply to the Minister for Industry & Commerce for a supply of parafin oil to light this locality pending the ability of the E.S.B. to provide public lighting by electricity."

Passed Unanimously.

TRANSPORT FACILITIES

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by the Chair it was decided to request Coras Iompair Eireann to restore all rail services to and from New Ross as formerly.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. James Doyle, it was decided to request Coras Iompair Eireann to arrange that the train which is scheduled to leave Waterford at 5.20 p.m. but does not regularly leave Waterford before 6 o'clock be scheduled to leave Waterford at 6.0 o'clock p.m. as in the opinion of the Council no inconvenience can be caused otherwise.

EMPLOYMENT RELIEF GRANT

Following the decision of the Council at last Meeting the Acting Town Surveyor submitted proposals for this Grant of £900 plus a Council Contribution of £115.

The proposed Swimming Pool at Clausheen would cost between £15,000 and £25,000. The Quarry proposal at High Hill £800. The work on the Park at Barrack Lane, uneconomical Park at Old Show Grounds £850 for reconstruction of right of way and £150 for concrete retaining wall.

Derelict Sites £750. This included Haughton Place, Freney's Corner; Irishtown; Bullawn; Church Lane; Rookery ; William St. Upper; Jones Hill; Lower Jones Hill and to recondition the waste ground at Ard-Na-Griene £460. 0. 0.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. J. Doyle it was decided to recommend the County Manager to expend the Grant on the provision of a road in concrete

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at Show Grounds, in order to further the Council's decision to make the Show Grounds a public park.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. J. Doyle, it was decided "That the Council provide the sum of £115 as the required contribution towards the acquisition of the Grant of £900.

Parcel of Ground at Rosbercon.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes of last adjourned Meeting, Town Clerk informed the Council that the County Manager had an application for the disposal of the site of the old public pump at Rosbercon and had decided to consider same as soon as he was satisfied as to the title.

SCAVENGING OF STREETS

Mr. Chairman complained of grass growing outside houses on Maidan Lane.

Referred to County Manager.

Mr. Redmond drew attention to loose stones on the roadway at Bewley St, Michael Street, Mount-Garrat Lane, etc. All required repairs now to preserve the thoroughfares.

Referred to County Manager.

HOUSING REPAIRS

The County Manager intimated that £ was expended on Housing repairs since April last.

Mr. Shannon drew attention to the condition of roof of house accupied by Mr. Murphy of Charleton Hill.

Referred to County Manager.

Replying to Mr. Redmond the County Manager informed him that in accordance with the Council's resolution the Architects, Messrs. Downes & Meehan, Duhlin would have proposals for new housing beford the next Council Meeting.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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Chairman Michael Dempsey

TUESDAY THE 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1946

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Dunphy, Vice- Chairman presided.
Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. James Doyle, S. O'Dubhghaill and W. B. Ronan.

The County Manager was present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Letter K.12/150 dated 21 Lughnasa, 1946 was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Dublin requesting the Council to state the number of parrafin lamps, the approximate number of ~~houses~~ hours. these will be burning per week and an estimate of the quantity of kerosene required by the Council per month.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. James Doyle, "We recomend the County Manager to arrange for the lighting of Charleton Hill and to have the lighting in operation for the coming winter."

Mr. Ronan suggested that the Council were entitled to know the cost of the scheme of lighting by Parafin including the expenses of the man to be employed to keep the system in operation.

Mr. S. O'Dubhghaill agreed with Mr. Ronan.

On a vote the motion was passed, Messrs. Ronan and Doyle dissenting.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT ROSBERCON.

The County Manager intimated that he had tentatively agreed to sell the plot of ground formerly occupied by a public water pump at Rosbercon - adjoining the New Ross Boat Club premises - to Mr. Gerald Donovan, Rosbercon for £10, subject to the same title as held by the Council free of all costs.

Mr. Ronan objected on the ground that the site was not duly advertised. If Mr. Donovan was given the site to erect a shed that might prove unsightly on a thoroughfare leading into the town from the Railway station it would not improve the town.

Replying the County Manager stated the site was there for any one to apply for. From the records the Council were aware it was the rendevous of persons whom the Council had at various Meetings condemned as causing nuisance. He could and would arrange that any building erected by Mr. O'Donovan would not be such as visualized by Mr. Ronan.

The Council agreed to the County Manager's decision.

REPAIRS TO COUNCIL'S HOUSES

The County Manager gave details of the operations of his officials. The work was proceeding as directed by him and would when

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finished meet with the Council's approval. A good deal of employment was given as the work for the most part was being done by casual labour. As regards painting he had made an Order giving power to the Engineer to permit householders to paint their own houses.

THOLSEL - REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION

County Manager detailed the alterations undertaken by him to the Tholsel. He proposed having the Council Chamber renovated and he hoped in time to make it worthy of the Meeting Room of the Peoples Representatives. He trusted the walls would be adorned by photographs of all the Chairman of the New Ross Urban District Council since 1898, and that a glass case would be provided for the Maces and ancient Manuscripts of the Town.

Mrs. Lalor suggested that provision should be made for the attendance of the public.

Mr. Ronan considered that such a provision was not necessary. The Council met to do the business of the town.

The Council agreed to the County Manager's decision.

NEW HOUSES

Clerk intimated that Messrs. Downes and Meehan, Architects, Dublin should have been present at the Meeting to detail future housing. The County Manager had been on the phone to the Architects and as a result a telegram had been received as follows from London - "Regret inavoidable delay. Will report for next Meeting."

The County Manager intimated that the Council will find it very difficult in the existing conditions to obtain houses at the figure mentioned by Mr. Meehan at the Council Meeting which he attended. His information was that the Council would find the cost very much higher.

ADJOURNED.

DISQUALIFIED COUNCILLOR

Clerk read a letter dated 31st August, 1946 adressed to to Councillor James Brewer informing him of his disqualification by absence. No reply had been received.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. James Doyle, "That the office be declared vacant and that notification be placed on the outer door of the Tholsel signed by Presiding Chairman, Mrs. Lalor and Mr. James Doyle".

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS

Town Clerk read a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting the present position of above.

Adjourned pending decision on Housing problem.

Routeen matters having been discussed with the County Manager,

THE MEETING ENDED.

Chairman J. Clarkin

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TUESDAY THE 8th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1946

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock ~~p.m.~~ to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT:

Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman, presided.
Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. James Doyle, S0'Dubhghaill, M. Dunphy, T. Redmond and W. Ronan.

The County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES

Arising out of the Minutes, the County Manager informed the Meeting that the money allocated by the Council for repairs was almost exhausted. The original estimate for repairs which was before the Council some years ago amounted to over £2000. Because the Government would not agree to his, Managers, proposal to borrow for the purpose of a scheme of general reconstruction of the Council's property, the Council decided to meet the repairs out of revenue and voted £1000 for the work. He would now require a further £500 to continue, and a resolution of the Council was required by law before he could expend and provide in next years budget.

Proposed By Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, it was agreed to provide the extra sum of £500 required for housing reconstruction and that provision for same be made in the next Annual Estimates.

Election of Councillor
Casual Vacancy

Proposed by James Doyle,
Seconded by Michael Dunphy,

"That Mr. Patrick Maddock, Mary Street, New Ross be elected to fill the vacancy created by the disqualification by absence of Mr. James Brewer."

Mr. Redmond drew the Council's attention to the unwritten rule under which if a member of a party or group resigned or otherwise vacated his seat the party or group to which he belonged nominated his successor - thus continuing the representative of the Electors.

Chairman ruled that as Mr. Brewer had not given an explaination of his absence and had not even replied to the notification sent to him the election should proceed.

Proposed by S. O'Dubhghaill,
Seconded by William Ronan,

" That Mr. PatrickJ.Fleming, North Street, New Ross, Chairman of the New Ross Chamber of Commerce be elected to the vacancy."

Mr. O'Dubhghaill explained that his proposal was intended to have the Chamber of Commerce represented on the Council, so that the Chamber's views on various matters of interest to the town could be available to the Council.

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The Voting resulted :-

For Mr. Maddock - The Chairman, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. James Doyle and Michael Dumphy.

For Mr. Fleming - Messrs. T. Redmond, William Ronan, and S.O'Dubhghaill.

Mr. Maddock was declared elected.

HOUSING
Erection of New Houses

Mr. Meehan of the firm of Messrs. Downes & Meehan, Dublin attended and reported on suggested plans for new houses at Charleton Hill, New Ross. The Department were anxious that the Charleton Hill scheme should be completed before the Council decided on any further undertaking. A house provided in accordance with the plans submitted to the Council would cost £800. To complete the Charleton Hill scheme forty nine additional houses would be required.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. J. Doyle, it was decided to instruct the Architects to prepare and submit plans, specification and estimate for the provision of forty nine houses to complete the Charleton Hill scheme.

Mr. Ronan drew attention to the position of Irishtown as a Housing Scheme. Sewers and Watermains were already provided and in his opinion the cost of provision of houses on this site would be considerably reduced.

County Manager replying to several members intimated that assuming the usual Government Grant of two-thirds of the repayment charges, the reduction of the interest on loans and the special Government Grant he would roughly estimate the weekly rent at 9/-.

It was decided to postpone a decision on the Irishtown scheme.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr. Michael Dunphy handed in notice that he will move, or cause to be moved for him at the next available Meeting, that the Town Clock be lighted.

SANITARY ACCOMODATION

Letter dated 13th September, 1946 from Tottenham Estate that "I am at present about to instal five flush lavatories in Mary Street and one in Marsh Lane and funds do not permit of any further such work being carried out for the time being" was read.

Replying to the Chair, Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Tottenham Estate had been requested to provide proper accomodation in their houses occupied by Michael Murphy, Neville St, Patrick Walsh, Neville Street, John Nolan, High Hill and Laurence Butler, Mary Street.

Proposed by Chair,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, and agreed.

"That the Council request the County Manager to insist on the provision of flush lavatories in the houses nominated by the Council, the property of the Tottenham Estate."

FLOODING OF MARSHES

Letter P.A. 18017/46, 6 Mean Fomhair, 1946 was read from the Irish Land Commission relative to repairs to the embankment in the

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townland of Garranbehy Big on the Lady Annaly Estate, requesting to be furnished with a reply to the Department's letter P.8017/46 dated 16th Bealtaine, 1946 in which it was stated the cost would amount to £1700 and in which it was suggested the Council should be prepared to pay at least £150 in the event of the repairs being undertaken by the Land Commission.

No Action

KILLARNEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Resolution - Remission of Rates on Agricultural Land and Buildings

Resolutiom under date 17th September, 1946 was read from the above Council requesting the Government to remit the second moiety of Rates on lands and buildings in view of the Farmer's losses due to inclement weather.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman, the Resolution was marked read.

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Chairman T Blackin
12/11/46.

TUESDAY THE 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1946

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and the special business of (1) passing a scheme for immunization against diphtheria and (2) considering bye-laws under Public Health Acts.

PRESENT:

Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman presiding.
Mrs. Lalor, Messrs. W. Ronan, Sean O'Dubhghaill, P. Maddock, J. Doyle, Michael Dunphy and James Shannon.

The County Manager was present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

REPAIRS TO COUNCIL'S HOUSES

The County Manager advised that £635 had been expended on repairs to the Countil's houses out of an allocation of £1000, to date, leaving £365 to be expended.

From detailed reports which he had received from his officers he was satisfied that the money had been well expended . More work had been done within the last half year than in the ten years prior to that. As the Council were anxious to have all the houses put in a thorough state of repair he might have to come back to the Council and ask for a further authority to complete the work.

Mrs. Lalor complained that nothing had been done to repair the house occupied by Mrs. Blanch, William Street.

Referred to the County Manager.

ERECTION OF NEW HOUSES

Intimating to the Council that the Plans, Specification and Estimates had not been received from the Architects to the Charleton Hill Housing Scheme, the County Manager stated that he hoped to have something for the Council for their next Meeting. In the meantime it was to be understood that the Government desire to have the houses erected in Charleton Hill solely because fees had already been paid to the Architects, and to complete the scheme determined on. The Council were committed to this scheme now.

As regards the weekly rent he was recently informed that the rent of 9/- mentioned by him at last Meeting would possibly be very much reduced,

The repayment period might be increased from thirty-five to fifty years.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY MR. DUNPHY
Lighting of Town Clock

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, it was agreed to instruct the County Manager to flood light the town clock.

SANITARY ACCOMODATION
Tottenham Estate

Mr. J. Doyle having requested at the Meeting to

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proceed without delay against the Tottenham Estate for failure to carry out the Council's orders to instal flush lavatories in houses occupied by Michael Murphy, Neville Street, Patrick Walsh, Neville Street, John Nolan, High Hill and Lawrence Butler, Mary Street, the County Manager suggested that the Council should consider the attitude of the landlords as regards the instalation of sanitary accomodation in their houses. During his sitting today he had, on the recommendation of his Council officers approved of a supply of water for sanitary accomodation to six houses, the property of this estate. He doubted if the matter went to Court whether the Council would succeed. At the same time if the Council wished him to go ahead and were prepared to pay the costs of the Court in the event of failure, and of course he was instructed to do so by two-thirds of the majority of the Council, he would consider his action accordingly. It is possible that the Estate may be taking the houses in rotation.

Mr. Doyle suggested that it appeared to be human nature that the Estate should victimize the tenants nominated by the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy "that this Council requests the County Manager to take this case into Court against the Tottenham Estate."

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Shannon and agreed, Mr. Ronan dissenting and the Chairman having withdrawn the original motion,

"That the Medical Officer of Health be asked to examine and report on the immediate need of instalation of water borne sewerage into the houses nominated by the Council, and if such a report is favourable that the County Manager institute immediate proceedings."

EXPIRED LEASES
Tuberculosis Dispensary

Clerk reported that this lease dated 1926 from the 29th September, 1926 for twenty years, at a rent of £18 p.a. expired on the 29th September, 1946, and it would be necessary to grant a renewal.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman, it was decided to renew the leases for a further period of twenty-one years from the date of the expiry of the old lease, at a like rent, and under like conditions, and that the Council's Solicitors be instructed to have the lease prepared.

Lease to John Murphy
Bridge St. Premises

Clerk also reported that this lease originally given by Mr. T. J. Lyne, the Commissioner appointed to administer the affairs of the Urban Council at the time, is dated the 29th April, 1925, to J.J. Sheehan for twenty one years from the 25th March, 1925 at a rent of £30. As the lease expired on the 25th March, 1946 it would be necessary to have it renewed.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Chairman, it was decided to grant a renewal of the lease for a further period of twenty-one years from the date of expiry of the last lease, and that the matter be placed in the hands of the Council's Solicitors.

NEW COUNCILLOR

Mr. Patrick Maddock of Mary Street, New Ross, having duly

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accepted office and signed the Declaration accepting office he was welcomed by the Chairman and members of the Council.

PLANNING ACTS

Mrs. Lalor handed in notice that she would move at the next available Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council "that the Council being the district planning authority for the following planning district, thatis to say, the Urban District of New Ross, hereby decides to make a district planning scheme for the following area, being the whole of such planning district, that is to say the area consisting of the whole of the said Urban District of New Ross."

The Clerk intimated that the resolution was lost on the 26th February, 1946 because the majority was less than more than one half the members of the Planning Authority.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYE-LAWS

Letter P.H. 1823/46 dated 27th March, 1946 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, relative to the adoption of Bye-laws, having been again read for the Meeting, Clerk intimated that the Council had already directed that they would consider the bye-laws at a special Meeting of the Council. He had an interview today with Council's Solicitors, and if the Council would agree the Solicitor is prepared to meet a small Committee of the Council in his own office at dates to be fixed by the Committee so that the bye-laws could be discussed in the making with him. As soon as the bye-laws were drafted they would be submitted to the whole Council with the Solicitor present.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy, it was agreed to appoint the Chairman, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. J. Shannon and S.O'Dubhghaill Committee of the Council to draft the bye-laws with the Council's solicitors, and that the Committee make arrangement with Mr.Colfer accordingly.

FLOODING OF MARSHES

Replying to Mr. Ronan the County Manager detailed the position at date. As the Council were aware they owned the Show-Grounds. He was now in negotiation for the purchase of the the marsh lands owned by Mr. A. P. Doyle, Knockmullen, Richard Bailey, Irishtown, and Mr. Napper Neville, Bawnmore.

Mr. Doyle had not yet intimated his price. Mr. Bailey had offered to sell his nine acres for £250 and Mr. Napper Neville his six acres for £140. The acquisition of the several parcels of land would bring the ground for the intended park to the Newtown houses.

As already stated the Ministry of Lands had intimated his intention of giving a substantial Grant to the Council if they should acquire the land and the Council had already donated the relief Grant towards the erection of a concrete footpath from the Priory Street Gate to the river bank, at a cost of over £1000.

HARBOUR BOARD

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman, it was agreed to recommend the Harbour Board to change the hour of their Meeting to any hour after 6 o'clock p.m. any day of the week to convenience the members of this Council on the Harbour Board.

ROADS

Mr. Shannon drew attention the dangerous state of the

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road at the top of the steps leading direct from Cross Lane to William Street.

Referred to County Manager.

Mr. O'Dubhghaill referred to the road leading to Barretts Park from the cross. It would appear as if the Council's main water pipe was burst, but it could be a spring as it was very bad.

Mr. Shannon drew attention to the water table at Charleton Hill from Nolan's forge to the corner of William St.

Referred to County Manager.

ARBOUR DAY

The Chairman referred to the exertions of officials of the Wexford Corporation in connection with Arbour Day and suggested that the Council would also have an Arbour day in New Ross.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. J. Doyle, it was agreed to continue the matter at the next Council Meeting.

DUMP AT WINDMILL LANE

Proposed By Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman, that the County Manager undertake negotiations with the Tottenham Estate with a view to the purchasing of this disagreeable site.

GROUND AT CROSS LANE

Mr. Doyle received a letter from Mr. Patrick Cullen of Cross Lane applying for a piece of waste ground adjoining his house and belonging to the Council.

Mr. Doyle stated that the ground was immediately behind the house occupied by Mr. Cullen.

Referred to County Manager.

NEW ROSS TANNERY

Mrs. Lalor having detailed as far as possible the circumstances connected with a labour strike of the operatives in the New Ross Tannery which had now continued for a considerable period, requested the Council to intervene with the idea of settling the dispute between the parties. Mr. Ronan suggested that this was outside the business of the Council.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Maddock, it was agreed that a Committee of the Council consisting of the Chairman, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. Maddock, Dunphy and Ronan be appointed for the purpose of mediating between the parties.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution from the Skibbereen Urban District Council was passed :-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to allow the scheme for allotments to both Widows and OlddAge Pensioners on similar conditions to those which are allowed to unemployed persons. Further, that in view of the steep increase in cost of living that the income limit for the purpose of obtaining a free allotment be substantially increased."

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The following resolution from the Templemore Urban District Council:-

> "That having regard to the increasing difficulties of providing houses for married members of the Garda Force in Urban districts and with a view to ameliorating this position as well as relieving the acute shortage of middle-class houses and providing greater amount of employment in urban areas, We, the members of the Templemore Urban District Council, consider it the duty of the Government to make provision for the erection of State Houses for married members of the Garda Force."

RATE COLLECTION

The Town Clerk reported the percentage of rates collected in August was 30.5; in September, 52.2 and in October, 59.3, as compared with 57½ per cent for October last year. There was £6,973 collected and lodged to date.

NEW ROSS FIRE BRIGADE

Replying to Mrs. Lalor the County Manager said that the obtaining of a county fire brigate had been discussed and there was a Departmental Committee dealing with the matter.

WATERWORKS

Replying to the Chairman the County Manager informed the Meeting that from his reports the water coming into the town was more satisfactory. Replying to Mr. Ronan who asked what accounted for the shortage, County Manager stated that the pipe coming into the town was not adequate and because of a deposit on the inside of the pipe was not delivering the full quantity of water.

THE MEETING ENDED

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Chairman T. Blackin

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TUESDAY THE 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1946.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Dunphy, Vice-Chairman presided.
Mrs. Lalor, Messrs. T. Redmond, W. Ronan,
Patrick Maddock, and James Doyle.

The Chairman of the Council subsequently presided.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Harbour Board, dated 7th December, 1946, that his Board after careful consideration decided that the present hour of eleven o'clock was the most suitable for the majority of the Members, and that he regretted that the Council's request to change the hour could not be acceded to.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, discussion of the matter was left over to the next Council Meeting.

HOUSING
PROPOSED NEW HOUSES AT CHARLETON HILL

A letter was read from Messrs. Downes and Meehan, Architects, Dublin, dated 6th December, that Mr. Meehan was unable to attend the Council Meeting as he had a prior engagement, but that he submitted Plans and Specification and the Council could on the same advertise for tenders, and when they were received they, as Architects would attend the Meeting.

Mr. J. G. Buckley, Acting Engineer, on the invitation of the County Manager attended the Meeting to assist the Council to digest the Plans and Specification.

Replying to Mr. Ronan the County Manager said that they had not got an estimate of the cost of the houses and he understood that the Architects never submitted an estimate.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that after consultation with Mr. Buckley it would appear that the Council could not advertise for Tenders until they had the estimate before them. The County Manager informed the Council that they could proceed to advertise.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, it was decided to advertise for Tenders in the Local and Daily Press and the 'Builder'.

The Town Clerk having informed the Meeting that the Council had each received a copy of the Local Government Circular in connection with Housing Finance, The County Manager explained the circular in detail and gave some information in connection with the working of houses elsewhere.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION
TOTTENHAM ESTATE

A letter was read from the Agent to the Tottenham Estate,

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New Ross, dated the 5th December, 1946 explaining that the Estate have recently put in seven Flush Lavatories, are at present putting in two and have one more to put in, all in Mary Street and that when this work is completed similar work in other streets will be considered but it may not be possible until the Tottenham Estate's next financial year.

A Report on Form A.281 was read from the Medical Officer of Health dated 6th December, 1946 in connection with the houses nominated by the Council. The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had made an Order on the report that day referring to the last part of the report i.e. whether the Doctor's recommendation should be carried out at reasonable cost in comparison to the value of each of the houses.

NO ORDER.

CONVEYANCE OF NUNNERY LANE FIELD

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, "That a Deed conveying two acres of land at Nunnery Lane, the property of the Sisters of Mercy, to the Council be duly executed"

This was agreed and the Deed was duly sealed.

CHANGE OF WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmnnd, it was decided to ask the Chamber of Commerce to take a Ballot of the Merchants of the Town as to the advisability of changing the half-holiday from Wednesday to Thursday in each week.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman, and agreed that the Urban Council ask the traders to support local industries.

HOUSING AND LABOURERS ACT, 1937

Clerk informed the Meeting that he had received some applications for Grants under Section 5. It was decided to adjourn the applications sine-die.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL AND TOWN CLOCK

A letter dated 21/11/46 was read from the Electricity Supply Board, Waterford office, regretting that they cannot meet the Council's requirements at present as lamp brackets and wodden poles for public lighting are not procurable.

Mr. Ronan suggested that the Board be written to to ascertain if the poles and brackets were manufactured in New Ross would they then be in a position to light Charleton Hill.

JAMES C. ASHE - GIFT

Correspondence was read between the Town Clerk and Mr. J. C. Ashe of Cardiff who is a brother of the late Mr. Thomas Ashe of the Globe Hotel. Being a member of an old Ross family, Mr. Ashe expressed his delight that the Tholsel was being brightened up and that it was the intention of the County Manager to provide Glass Cases for the Council's nuniments and generally to make the Council Chamber worthy of the representatives of New Ross. He offered a cheque of £10 to start a scheme and trusted that it would be followed up the inhabitants of the town.

Mr. Ashe also sent some photographs of the town and of the bridge and of Mr. Thomas Butler, S.S.O holding the new and the old mace.

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The Clerk informed the Meeting that it was necessary before accepting the gift to put the provisions of the Local Authorities, (Acceptance of Gifts) Act, 1945 into force.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, that the Act be put into operation. Agreed.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, it was agreed to accept the gift of £10 from Mr. Ashe.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, that the thanks of the Council and the people of New Ross be extended to Mr. James C. Ashe for his generosity. agreed.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS

Clerk drew attention to the provisions of the advertising portion of this Act, in particular that before the Resolution could be continued a clear month should elapse. Since that could not have taken place since the last Meeting the resolution of intention to bring the Planning Acts into operation would have to wait.

The Resolution of intention could not be dealt with until the next Council Meeting.

EXPIRED LEASES
SEALING OF DEEDS

Tuberculosis Dispensary

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was resolved that a renewal of the lease of the dispensary at Mary Street be granted to the Wexford County Council for twenty one years at a rent of £20 subject to the covenants and conditions in the lease being identical with those in the expired lease, dated 29th September, 1946.

Lease to John Murphy

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was resolved that a renewal of the lease for twenty-one years from the 25th March, 1946 be granted to Mr. J. Murphy at an increased rent of £35, subject to the covenants and conditions in the new lease being identical with those in the expired lease.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was decided that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the leases.

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Chairman T. Clarkin

TUESDAY, 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 1947

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council pursuant to the various Acts and Orders enabling and to consider the Town Planning Resolution, of which due notice was given.

Present: Mr. Thomas Clarkin, Chairman of the Council presiding.
All the members of the Council were present.

The County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Time

Consideration of this matter was deferred from last Meeting.

The Members of the Council appointed on the Harbour Board expressed the opinion that it was impossible for them to attend at the hour fixed by the Harbour Board for Meetings, and in the circumstances they wished to tender their resignation. It was decided that this decision be communicated to the Harbour Board.

CHANGE OF WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY

Clerk intimated that although he communicated the Council's wishes to the local Chamber of Commerce no reply had been received.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL AND TOWN CLOCK

Letter having been read from the Electricity Supply Board that they would be prepared to consider the lighting of Charleton Hill and the Town Clock provided the Council could provide the requisite poles and fittings and that they were satisfied with same,

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Maddock, that the New Ross Steele Company be asked to provide the brackets and that Captain Deane-Drake of Stokestown be asked to supply the poles, and further that when they were available that the Electricity Supply Board be so informed for their inspection.

AGREED

TOWN PLANNING ACTS

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy,

"that the New Ross Urban District Council, being the district Council being the district planning aurhority for the following planning district, that is to say, the Urban District of New Ross, hereby decides to make a district planning scheme for the following area, being the whole of such planning district, that is to say the area consisting of the whole of the said Urban District of New Ross."

Proposed by Mr. O'Dubhghaill,
Seconded by Mr. J. Shannon,

"that consideration of the resolution be deferred for twelve months".

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Town Clerk having advised the Council that so far as he could find out there was no provision in the Acts for the consideration of any amendment of the resolution and it would appear that the Council should vote on the resolution itself.

It was decided to take a vote on the amendment and the voting resulted as follows:-

FOR - Messrs. Chairman, T. Redmond, W. Ronan, S. O'Dubhghaill and J. Shannon.

AGAINST - Mrs. Lalor, Messrs. P. Maddock, James Doyle and Michael Dunphy.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, a vote of condolence was passed to Mr. Shortall, retired Town Surveyor, on the death of his sister.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, a vote of sympathy was passed to the Rev. Mother of the Sisters of Mercy, New Ross on the death of Mother Claire of the Mercy Order New Ross.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, a vote of sympathy was passed to Monsignor T. Cleary, P.P., New Ross on the death of Mother Claire of the order of Mercy, New Ross.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETARY COMMITTEE
Audit - Year Ended 31/3/46

The Auditor's Report and Abstract of Accounts having been read,
Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, same were adopted.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS
Sanitary Convenances

The Acting Town Surveyor reported as follows on houses nominated by the Council for the provision of sanitary convenances.

20, High Hill - "There is a W.C. in this house. Tenant informs me that water was laid on to this house about twelve months ago."

66, Irishtown - "There is a dry closet in the yard of this house. The house is sound and I recommend the immediate provision of water-borne sewerage to this house.

84, Irishtown - "This house is sound and dry, but is small with in-sufficient light in kitchen and both first floor bed-rooms".
"There is a well aired dry-closet in the yard and though a wash-down closet is desirable, I do not think there is immediate necessity for the installation of water-borne sewerage as the cost would not be reasonable in comparison to the present value of the house.

20, Neville St. "This is a sound house and has not even a dry closet. There is immediate necessity for the provision of water-bonne sewerage.

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21, Neville Street. "This is a sound house and again there is immediate necessity for the installation of water-borne sewerage."

25, Mary Street. "This is a sound, though damp house and the provision of water-borne sewerage is an immediate necessity."

6, Wexford Street. "No attendance to my call. This house however has previously been inspected by Messrs. Downes & Meehan."

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS ACT

A long letter was read from Mr. T. Powell, of 57, Charleton Hill, New Ross enclosing 1/- towards the fund for the provision of Glass cases for the Council Chamber.

It was decided to accept the donation with thanks.

RESOLUTIONS

From Dungarvan Urban District Council

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, this resolution requesting the Government to make a ration of coal available to every family in Eire, was marked "read".

From Macroom Urban District Council

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, this resolution, requesting the Government to make relief Grants available for the construction of Concrete blocks for houses, was marked "read".

From Bundoran Urban District Council

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, a resolution from the above Council was marked read.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor,
"that the members of this Council are of opinion that the Government be requested to take over the complete housing of the working classed in Eire, as in the opinion of the Council housing is a matter of National importance at the present time.

AGREED.

HOUSING REPAIRS ETC.

Several Matters arising out of Reports on Housing Repairs and the Rookery were referred to the County Manager for attention.

The Chairman wished the members of the Council, the County Manager and all the officials of the Council a Happy New Year.

The County Manager responded.

THE MEETING ENDED.

Chairman Michael Dunphy

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TUESDAY, 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1947

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council, and to consider any
(1) tenders for the erection of forty-seven houses at Charleton Hill, New Ross,
(2) report and recommendations of the Consulting Engineer - Mr. T.G. O'Connor, B.E. - relative to the reconstruction of the New Ross Waterworks scheme, to make provision for existing and potential requirements,
due notice of which was given.

PRESENT: Mr. Michael Dunphy, Vice-Chairman of the Council presiding. Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. William Ronan, James Doyle, S. O'Doubhghaill.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

Proposed by the Presiding Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, the Council voted sympathy with the Chairman of the Council on the death of his Uncle.

The County Manager associated himself with the vote.

The Town Clerk on behalf of the Officers and staff of the Council, with the permissiom of the Chair, joined in the vote which was passed in silence all standing.

Letter dated 10th inst was read from Mr. James J. Shortall conveying his sincere thanks and appreciation of the Council's expression of sympathy in his bereavement on the death of his sister.

Letter dated 27th January, 1947 was read from Sr. M. Francis of the Order of the Sisters of Mercy, New Ross, conveying to the members of the Council the thanks of the Convent for their vote of condolence on the death of Mother M.Clare.

HARBOUR BOARD, NEW ROSS

Letter dated 10th February, 1947 was read from the New Ross Harbour Commissioners that Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill had tendered his resignation as a member of the Board representing the New Ross Urban District Council,and that under Section 15 of the Harbours Act 1946 it will be necessary for the Urban Council to appoint within two months a member to fill the vacancy thereby created.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan, that the appointment be postponed.
No Seconder.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Doyle, that Mr. S.O'Doubhghaill be appointed.

AGREED.

DEPUTATION FROM HARBOUR BOARD

At this stage in the proceedings Mr. Ronan introduced a deputation from the New Ross Harbour Board - Messrs. James Hennessy, Chairman and James E. Walsh.

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Mr. Hennessy informed the Meeting that by resolution of his Board they attended before the Council to ask the Council to assist the Harbour Board to provide essential facilities for the improvement of the harbour. Under the Harbours Act of 1946 the Council, he was advised, could in various ways help the project. He was unable to give the Council definite figures of the projected works. The Council would understand that his Board was anxious to obtain the co-operation of the various Council's concerned before embarking on any undertaking and so his Board desired to have the views of the Council and a tentative understanding that the Council would be disposed to contribute.

Mr. Walsh stressed the necessity for adequate harbour facilities and the potential advantage to New Ross of a harbour capable of handling cargoes at least equal to, if not greater than the immediate harbours. It was estimated that the cost would amount ot £20,000, and the Council could guarantee the repayment up to a figure equal to a sum provided at a rate of 8d in the £ on the valuation of the town.

Proposed by Presiding Chairman,
Seconded by Sean O'Doubhghaill, it was decided that the County Manager include in his next annual Estimates a sum equal to 8d. in the £ to provide for New Ross Harbour improvements as may be decided on by the appropriate Departments of State.

Mr. Hennessy having thanked the Council ~~and~~ the Deputation withdrew.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Letter dated 20th January, 1947 was read from the General Manager in connection with above.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, it was decided to request the County Manager to provide a sum of £5. 0. 0. towards this Association as in former years, in his Annual budget.

Proposed by S. O'Doubhghaill,
"that as there is a scarcity of food and fuel in this country the number of tourists be limited."
No Seconder.

The Resolution was passed.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL

Letter dated 27th January, 1947 was read from Messrs. Steele & Co. New Ross, that they were in communication with the Electricity Supply Board re. brackets for lamps.

Clerk reported that he had a telephone message from Maptain Deane-drake, Stokestown that he was in communication with the Electricity Supply Board re poles.

NO ACTION

ANNUAL AUDIT - YEAR ENDED 31/3/46.
AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor's Report having been read,

Proposed by Presiding Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor,

The Report was adopted.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS

In view of the consideration of reports on Housing and Waterworks, it was decided that copies of the Abstracts be typed and circulated

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vice reading same to the Meeting.

NEW HOUSES AT CHARIE TON HILL

Clerk reported due advertising of the scheme of forty-nine houses at Charleton Hill in the following newspapers viz:- "Irish Press", Irish Independent, "Irish Builder", New Ross Standard "Free Press, "Cork Examiner.

Letter dated 10th February, 1947 was read from J.V. Downes and F.B. Meehan, Architects, Dublin, to the County Manager, as follows:-

"We have to-day received from Mr. Barry Messrs. H & A Hamilton's tender for the erection of the above houses. This tender is not based on our specification but is for a patent form of construction and modified specification developed by Mr. Hamilton. In the absence of tenders based on the plans and specification as prepared by us, we are not in a position to make a definite recommendation. In our opinion, however, the tender sum per house is in excess of the figure we anticipated, based on available information on comparable housing schemes.

We have been in touch with the Federation of Building Contractors do-day, and have ascertained that their members have been recommended not to tender for any works in excess of £3,000. 0. 0. unless furnished with a Bill of Quantities. It would now appear that the Council will not receive a tender for these works until such time as a Quantity Surveyor is employed to prepare a Bill of Quantities and the works are re-advertised.

As, therefore, we do not consider it likely that the Department of Local Government will sanction the expenditure for the scheme without a recommendation from us based on competitive tenders, we suggest that the scheme be re-advertised with a prepared Bill of Quantities."

In a slip attached the Architects advised the cost as follows:-

Total Cost of Building	£46,817. 5. 5.
Cost per House	£955. 9. 1.
Gross cost including development	£52,480. 18.0
Total cost per house.	£1071. 0.9.

The County Manager intimated that he had been approached to divide up the scheme and apportion the number between the contractors in New Ross. He was quite agreeable to this but as the Town Clerk had since intimated to him that the New Ross Contractors would tender only jon a time and material basis he could not recommend the Council to consider this solution.

Proposed by the Presiding Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, it was decided to postpone consideration for the present.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Dated 20th Januaby, 1947 a Report on the above was read from Mr. T.G. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer, Dublin detailing Existing supply scheme including Catchment and Intake Works, Filters and Balancing Tank, Delivery Main and Distribution System, Service Reservoir Capacity and Relaying of Dranagh Supply Main.

Whilst further investigations would be necessary before he could prepare a final scheme of improvements he considered the following items are definately required, if the supply system is to be placed in first class order viz;-

(1) Repairs and improvements at Dranagh Intake and Clear Water Basin.

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(2) Alterations and improvements to Rapid Gravity Filter.

(3) Renewal of Delivery Main from Dranagh to Irishtown.

(4) Provision of 400,000 gal. service reservoir.

(5) Extension of Delivery Main from Irishtown to Service Reservoir.

(6) New main from Service Reservoir draw off to connect with 7" Distribution Main near Hydrostat.

(7) Relaying and scraping of defective mains in the Distribution System, including renewal of C.I. main crossing Bridge.

(8) Installation of waste water meters on supply system.

(9) Provision of extra hydrants on Distribution System.

The total all in cost of the proposed scheme would amount to £29,675. 0. 0. as shown in detailed estimate accompanying this report, as follows:-

Item.	Repairs and improvements at Dranagh Intake and Clear Water Basin.		400.	0. 0.
Item.	Alterations and improvements to Rapid Gravity Filter- allow provisionally.		300.	0.0.
12,000 L.yds.	7" dis. A.C. main from Balancing Tank at Dranagh to Hydrostat chamber in Irishtown.	22/-	13,200.	0. 0.
Item.	400,000 gal. capacity covered service reservoir at Stephensland, including for all pipes, valves, etc., and fencing complete.		5,800.	0. 0.
1,350 L. yds.	7" dia. A.C. main from Hydrostat to inlet to Service Reservoir.	22/-	1,485.	0. 0.
1,400 L. yds.	7" dia. A.C. main from Service Reservoir outlet to junction with Distribution System at Irishtown.	22/-	1,540.	0. 0.
Item.	Relaying and scraping of defective mains in Distribution System including renewal of C.I. main crossing Bridge.		800.	0. 0.
Item.	Installation of meters on supply system.		400.	0. 0.
Item.	Provision of extra hydrants on Distribution System.		300.	0. 0.
	Provisional for rock excavation.		1,000.	0. 0.
			£25,225.	0. 0.
	Provisional for extra works.		1,000.	0. 0.
	Acquisition of land and wayleaves.		350.	0. 0.
	Engineer's and Solicitor's fees, travelling expenses, lithography, advertising, etc.		2,500.	0. 0.
	Resident Engineer's salary.		600.	0. 0.
	Total cost of Scheme.		£29,675.	0. 0.

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The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had arranged for the attendance of Mr. Wrenn of the Department and Mr. O'Connor, but had received notice that both were detained on duty elsewhere and could not come.

The Manager then examined the plans in detail with the Council.

Proposed by the Presiding Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, It was decided to adjourn consideration to next Meeting.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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Chairman Thomas Clarkin

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TUESDAY, 11th DAY OF MARCH, 1947

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross thiw evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT:- Mr. Thomas Clarkin, Chairman, presiding.
Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. M. Dunphy, J. Shannon, J. Maddock, W. Roman, T. Redmond and S. O'Doubhghaill.

The County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read.~~andxxignad~~.

Councillor S.O'Doubhghaill objected that a matter he had brought up was absent.

Chairman held that as the Council had adjourned before the proposal was mentioned, the objection was not in order. Mr. O'Doubhghaill could bring the matter on later if he wished.

The Minutes were then signed.

Letter was fead from the Chairman thanking the Coun cil for their vote of sympathy on the occasion of his recent bereavement.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, a vote of condolence was passed to the County Manager on the death of Mrs. Fortune, Bree, R.I.P. The Town Clerk on his own behalf and that of all the officiers and men of the Council, with the permission of the Chair, associated themselves with the vote. The County Manager thanked the Council for their vote.

Father Quigley, P.P. Tagoat.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Shannon, a vote of sympathy was passed to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on the death of the Very Reverend Daniel Quigley.

The Manager associated himself with this vote.

Brother McNamara, C.B.

Proposed bt S. O'Doubhghaill,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, a vote of condolence was passed to the Superior of the Irish Christian Brothers, New Ross on the death of Brother McNamara, who for some years was a member of the Order in New Ross.

HARBOUR BOARD

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes Mr. Ronan objected to the limitation of the Council to provide for a sum of 8d. in the £. He understood the Council had agreed to 8% of the Harbour Board's commitments.

The Town Clerk intimated that the Council had not in any way legally committed themselves to anything. Before the Council could do this it would be necessary to give notice of motion. That Notice must specify a sum certain and incorporate a liability

It was agreed that the Council had comitted the rates to provide for the maximum allowed by the Harbours Act, 1946 and that the County Manager provide for same in his budget.

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LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL

Letter dated 24th February, 1947, F.A/108 was read from the Electricity Supply Board, Dublin that if the Council supply the poles suitable free of cost the Board will complete an extension suitable for public lighting for £67. 10. 0. The Board will supply and erect four 200 watt. lamps and light and maintain for £13. 19. 3 plus 30% per annum. The lighting of these lamps cannot commence while the present difficulties in regard to electricity supply continue. The quotation is subject to the conditions already afforded the Council.

Mr. Redmond stated he was still convinced the Electricity Supply Board should have provided their own lighting facilities. As a matter of history he reminded the Council that the Council of the time refused to pay for extensions to Rosbercon and New Ross and the Board subsequently had to light these areas without any contribution from the local rates.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Shannon, it was decided to advise the County Manager to accept the Board's tender and make arrangement accordingly.

PILOT LIGHT AT CHARLES STREET

Mr. Ronan drew attention to a recent accident which he attributed to the absence of a pilot light on the Quay end of Charles Street. The Electricity Supply Board should be asked to provide a pilot light.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that a contract had been completed between the County Manager and the Electricity Supply Board for public lighting for the year ending on the 31st March, 1948. The Quay was lighted by the Harbour Commissioners and so far as he was aware all the lights on the Quay were more than adequante.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Shannon, it was decided to put the matter before the Electricity Supply Board.

PUBLIC LIGHTING CONTRACT

Mr. O'Doubhghaill reported that it would appear to him there was a breach of contract by the Electricity Supply Board as regards public lighting. The light is certainly not on up to midnight and consequently the rates should benefit by a reduction equal to the saving by the Electricity Supply Board.

The County Manager replying stated that it was usual for the Electricity Supply Board to make a reasonable allowance.

HOUSING -) CHARLETON HILL.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes of the last Meeting, the County Manager intimated that the only alternative left to the acceptance of the only tender received was to arrange a conference of the local Builders and the Council with a view to the distribution of the scheme between them. He was prepared to obtain a bill of quantities and submit the Plans and Specification to the local men and in every way to help. Houses were badly needed and every avenue should be explored and exhausted, before the Council should decide against going ahead with a housing scheme.

Mr. Chairman, whilst agreeing with the majority views of the Council that it would be useless to engage in the erection of artizan's dwellings at the proposed figures, stated that he had seen in the daily press that Cement Limited was able to distribute 15% to the shareholders. In his opinion this was one of the main causes of the cost of the houses. He would like the views of the Mininters concerned. 5% would be an enormous dividend.

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Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided to write the local building Contractors to a conference with the County Manager and his advisors on Tuesday, the 25th day of March, 1947 and that, in accordance with Mr. Ronan's recommendation, the plans, specifications and conditions be available for their inspection meantime.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The County Manager stressed the necessity for immediate attention to the provision of an adequate water supply to the town. He would like the Council to pass a resolution giving him £2500 to proceed with the best possible scheme in the interests of the town.

Replying to the Chairm the Town Clerk advised that notice of motion would be necessary.

The County Manager disagreed on the ground that the matter had been fully discussed at last Meeting -

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, the County Manager's suggestion was adopted.

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Letter B.1191/47 dated 28th February, 1947 was read from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, Dublin that his department is seeking a site 60 by 100 ft. for the erection of an exchange in a reasonably central position in New Ross and that the Council might be able to help him by a xxx sale of such a site.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by S. O'Doubhghaill that a Committee of the Council consisting of the Chairman, Mr. Roaan and Mrs. Lalor be appointed to view the possible sites in the town on Wednesday the 19th instant at 5 o'clock p.m. and report to the Town Clerk their recommendations for immediate transmission, to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided to hold the Annual Estimates Meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

SANITARY ACCOMODATION

Letter dated the 11th inst. was read from the Council's Solicitors xxxfaxkxxxx that they were in communication with the Landlords and expressed the opinion that there would be no necessity for legal proceedings. In the event of any dis-agreement they would proceed without delay in accordance with the Council's instructions.

Mr. Chairman intimated that unless something concrete was done before the Estimates Meeting he would not attend that Meeting or any other Meeting until this matter was finally disposed of. He was agreeable to take the cases to Court and lose if necessary but he wanted finality in the matter.

It was decided to convey same to the Solicitors.

Chairman Thomas Blackin
8/4/47

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TUESDAY, the 25th DAY OF MARCH, 1947.

The Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban Distrixt Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider the County Manager's budget for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1948.

PRESENT:-

Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman presiding, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. S. O'Doubhghaill, James Doyle, T. Maddock, J.Shannon, M. Dunphy, W. Ronan and T. Redmond.

The County Manager attended.

ESTIMATES
Explanatory Statement

The County Manager's introductary statement having been circulated to the members was taken as read.

EXPENDITURE

The Manager's detailed estimates were read seriatem.

Totals

Housing	£5435		
Roads	2686		
Public Health	3272		
Other empenses	5538	Total	£16931

RECEIPTS

Housing	4089		
Roads	1900		
Public Health	969		
Other expenses	3667	Total	£10625

estimated Credit Balance £473 leaving the amount leviable by rate £5833, necessitating a rate of 12/5 in the £.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND

Main Roads	£697	14.	5.
Public Assistance	2220.	0.	0.
Mental Hospital	697.	16.	9.
Health (County)	137.	0.	0.
General Purposes (County)	1465.	0.	0.
Separate Charges	132	9.	10.

The total amount to be found by Rate - £5350, necessitating a rate of 10/7 in the £.

Domestic Water Rate remains the same as last year.

The total Rate in the £ therefore for the coming year is 24/6, the same as last year.

INCREASES OF SALARIES

The County Manager having detailed the reason for his Order

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granting increases of salary to the Officers and staff of the Council,

Proposed by Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill,
Seconded by Mr. T.Redmond, the increases promoted by the Manager were unanimously agreed to.

Councillor James Doyle drew attention to the Wages of the Scavenging staff.

The County Manager informed Mr. Doyle that the total figure of wages taken by him for the scavenging staff of the Council was based on the highest figure paid in New Ross, which he had obtained during the day, i.e. £3. 10. If the Council desired that he should increase the figure and that he was instructed in the matter he would further investigate it.

Mr. Doyle stated that as Secretary of the Union of which some of the men belonged he was in a position to state that the highest wages paid in New Ross are £3. 4. 0. The County Manager reminded Mr. Doyle that there was machinery for settling these things in having a registered rate for the area. The rates he was informed paid were as low as £2. 4. 0 and the highest £3. 1. 0.

No Order.

TURF TRANSPORT

Mr. Ronan drew attention to the potential position of the town should the turf from the dump continue to be sent to Kilkenny and Waterford.

Mrs. Lalor whilst agreeing that the fuel should not leave the town at present gave the opinion that there was no use in applying to Messrs. Fuel Importers Ltds as the answer would be that the fuel was their's to do anything they liked with it.

Referred to County Manager.

BUS

Mr. O'Doubhghaill referred to the Ci.I.E. running a bus to and from the railway station and drew attention to the unsafe condition of the bridge. He expressed the opinion that C.I.E. should have the bridge repaired.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the County Council had given CiI.E. permission to go across. The bus terminus would be at the railway station, the object being to run a train service which would bring people from the capital and other parts of Ireland to New Ross.

No. Action.

Other matters arising out of the Estimates having been dealt with and the certificate at the foot of the Estimates having been duly signed, the Meeting Ended.

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TUESDAY THE 8th day of APRIL, 1947

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholslel, New Ross on this date at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman Presiding, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. J. Shannon, M. Dunphy, M. Maddock, W. Ronan and T. Redmond

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous ordinary Meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Letter dated 20th March, 1947 was read from the Lord Bishop of Ferns from Summerhill Wexford as follows:-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter and to heartily thank the members of the New Ross Urban District Council for their kind message of sympathy in the loss we have sustained in the passing away of a good and worthy priest.

With kind regards and good wishes to the members of your Council and to yourself."

Letter dated 19th March, 1947 was read from the Superior of the Christian Brothers, New Ross as follows:-

"On behalf of the Brothers of the N ew Ross Community I desire you to convey to the New Ross Urban District Council our sincere appreciation of their message of sympathy on the death of Rev. Br. McNamara and also of their expressions of regard for our congregation."

Moved by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was ordered that both letters be placed on the Minutes.

NEW AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Letter B. 21387/46 dated 31st March, 1947 was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs acknowledging with thanks and appreciation of the Council's assistance in the matter of the selection of a site for their proposed new automatic Telephone Exchange building in New Ross, and that a further letter is awaited on the subject before determination by the Department.

Clerk suggested two sites in Mary Street.- One adjacent to the present Council milk depot and the other directly opposite, on the other side of the same street.

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor , it was decided that the two sites be suggested to the Department with the requested maps if available.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Letter dated 29th March, 1947 was read from Mr.P.J.Fleming President of the New Ross Chamber of Commerce, to the Chairman of the Council conveying his appreciation, thanks and congratulations to the Council "that the present Rate is to remain unchanged".

NO ORDER

CHARLES STREET LIGHTING (Pilot)

Clerk reported an interview with Mr. Coffey of the

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Electricity Supply Board staff Waterford on this matter. Mr. Coffey on behalf of his Board informed him the lighting was a matter for the Harbour, Commissioners.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, it was decided to request the Harbour Board to provide a pilot light at the quay end of Charles Street.

WAGES TO WORKMEN

Chairman intimated he had just had a memorandum handed to him from Messrs. P.J. Roche & Son, Malsters, New Ross intimating the rate of wages paid by them to their workmen.

Referred to County Manager.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY Mr. Dunphy

Mr. Dunphy gave verbal notice that he would move or cause to be moved for him a motion that the Council provide a weighbridge sufficient to accomodate a five ton truck to weigh timber and other commodoties.

HIGH HILL QUARRY

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the unhealthy condition of this quarry.

On the motion of Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided to ask the engineer to report on the matter.

MANAGEMENT OF TURF BY FUEL IMPORTERS LTD.

Mr. Ronan suggested that Messrs. Fuel Importers be requested to discontinue the weighing of carts twice a day as in his opinion once was sufficient. It was decided to inform Fuel Importers accordingly.

Mr. Ronan referred to the taking of turf by lorries from the dump and the transport of it to other places and suggested that the Council should ask Fuel Importers to discontinue this during the present emergency at least. It was decided to inform Messrs. Fuel Importers accordingly.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME

The County Manager presented a tender from Messrs. Ryan Bros. Contractors, New Ross, as follows:-

"We the undersigned, do hereby propose and agree to execute the whole of the several works described below in connection with the Housing Scheme at New Ross in accordance with the drawings and specification as prepared by Messrs. Downes and Meehan, Architects, Dublin, for the sum of Forty Nine Thousand, Seven hundred and thirty five pounds (£49,735), under the following conditions:-

1. That we are not to be held liable for the Guarantee Bond.
2. It is to be understood that our estimate is based on the existing wage rates pertaining to tradesmen and labourers as under -

   Tradesmen 1/9¾d per hour
   Labourers 1/1½d. "

   and if any increase is granted during the execution of the works, to the above, the extra wages so paid is to be regarded as extra to the Contract.
3. In the event of our Tender being accepted, we shall be pleased to furnish the price schedule of quantities.
4. No amount is provided in the contract sum named above for contingencies."

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Mr. Ronan proposed that the Council defer consideration pending a report from the Manager of the possibility of reconstruction of houses in the town at present unfit for human habitation.

There was no seconder.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Dumphy,

> "That the Council recommend the County Manager to accept the tender as in their opinion houses were badly needed and they could see no prospect of any reduction in the cost of wages and materials.

The Motion was declared carried subject to the usual ~~partix~~ formatlties.

THE MEETING ENDED.

Michael Dumphy
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TUESDAY, 13th DAY OF MAY, 1947

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT: Mr. Michael Dunphy, Vice-Chairman of the Council presiding. Sean O'Doubhghaill, Thomas Redmond, William Ronan and Mrs. Lalor.

The County Manager was in attendance.

It was decided to fix the Meeting for the making of the Rate on Tuesday the 20th day of May, 1947 at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

QUARRY AT HIGH HILL

Mr. Buckley, B.E., reported that he had inspected the Quarry at the High Hill. It is so situated that it is of little practical use. The removal of the wall as suggested by the Council would not be desirable. The only recommendation he could make is that the site be cleaned and shaped to form a "Lourdes Grotto", as the ground lent itself naturally to same. The Clergy and the Christian Brothers could be approached with a view to its future maintenance.

The County Manager advised the Meeting that the funds of the Council could not be used for even this lawful purpose. The Council, if they intended to utilize this spot for a ggrotto would be obliged to provide the money out of other sources.

Consideration was adjourned to the next available Meeting so as to give the Councillors an opportunity of considering the matter.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS'

Letter was read from the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Board dated 11/4/47 that Mr. M. Dunphy, U.D.C. had tendered his resignation to the board.

Proposed by Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill, Seconded by Mr. Redmond, Mrs. Lalor was appointed in his place.

ACCIDENT ON THE QUAY

Letter was read dated 10th May, 1947 from the Secretary, Harbour Board that his board has no knowledge of any recent accident happening on the Quay. Although his board would like to facilitate the Council in every way they could not accept responsibility for the provision of lighting for road-borne traffic.

No Action.

STOCK OF TURF IN NEW ROSS

Letter dated 26/4/47 was read from Messrs. Fuel Importers (Eire) Ltd. that the stock of turf in New Ross is more than sufficient to cover immediate local requirements. Since 1942, carts drawing turf from the Dump have been tared twice daily to ensure accurate nett weights, and it is not proposed to make any alteration in this arrangement.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL

Letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board, dated 1/4/47 intimating their intention to make provision for the public lighting of Charleton Hill on four poles in parts agreed with the Council's Engineer.

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DISPLAY OF WORK AT TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

An invitation was read from the Principal of the Technical School, New Ross inviting the Chairman and the members of the Council to visit the display of work at the Technical School on Whit Sunday and Monday and intimating that Mrs. O'Kelly, wife of the President would open the display at 5.p.m. on Sunday.

Mrs. Lalor proposed, and
Vice-Chairman seconded, that a vote of thanks be conveyed to the Committee for their kind invitation. agreed.

RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES

Arising out of the reading of correspondence in connection with the instalation of sanitary accomodation into various houses in the town the Council discussed the possibility of acquiring the houses that could be rendered fit for human habitation.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, that a Committee of the Council with the Engineer inspect the likely houses in the town and submit a report to the Council

BARRETTS PARK

In proposing that the thanks of the people of the town through the Urban Council should be extended to Mr. M.F. O'Hanlon for his gift of Barretts Park to the Gaelic Athletic Association, Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill said that not only was it a princly gift to the G.A.A. but to the people of New Ross. He would like to have it on the records of the Council for future generations that the Council extended thanks to Mr. O'Hanlon officially.

Seconded by Mr. Redmond. agreed.

The County Manager associated himself with the vote.

Mr. O'Doubhghaill suggested that some of the town refuse might be diverted towards re-conditioning Barretts Park and he was sure that the County Manager would agree to have this done.

RESOLUTIONS
From Granard Town Commissioners

Proposed by Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill,
"that the resolution that there should be equal pay for men and women workers for equal work - noting with disfavour the advertisement for vacancies on the staff of Radion Eireann and calling on the Government to remove this invidious distinction by reorganising the Civil Service"

be marked read."

Seconded by Mr. Redmond.

Mr. O'Doubhghaill proposed that the Resolution be adopted.

There was no Seconder

The Original Resolution was then put and carried S. O'Doubhghaill dissenting.

DISQUALIFICATION OF COUNCILLOR

Clerk reported that Mr. James Doyle was by law disqualified from holding the office of Councillor by reason of arrears of rates at

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the 31st March, 1947.

Proposed by the Presiding Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided to declare a vacancy on the Council and to proceed to a co-option at the next available Meeting.

RESOLUTION FROM LISTOWEL URBAN COUNCIL

Proposed by S. O'Doubhghaill,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, the Resolution from the above Council "That in view of the grave outlook for the coming year the Government be requested to ensure that all able bodied unemployed are assigned to Food and Fuel production."

Mrs. Lalor moved an addendum "and that the unemployed be given a decent rate of wages".

AGREED.

RESOLUTION ENNIS URBAN COUNCIL

Dated 23rd April, 1947 the following Resolution was read from above Council:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to have the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts amended so as to have the Market Value of houses built under the Act raised to £1,600 instead of £1,000, so that loans that will be of real assistance to people anxious to get houses may be issued to them.
"That the present limit of £900 on such loans makes the whole Act ineffective and no suitable house can now be built for that sum.
"That the Clare Deputies be requested to take the necessary steps to have the Act amended accordingly."

It was decided that a copy of the Resolution be circulated to the members of the Council for consideration at a future Meeting.

RESOLUTION FROM THE WEXFORD CORPORATION

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,
" That the Resolution passed by the above Corporation requesting Coras Iompair Eireann to establish a bus service between Wexford and Waterford, Via Taghmon and New Ross, be adopted".

AGREED.

RECLAMATION OF BANKS OF THE RIVER SOUTH OF THE TOWN

The County Manager intimated that at last something concrete was before the Council in this matter. The Government had agreed to grant a sum of £9000 towards this work conditional on (1) a contribution of £800 from the Wexford County Council (2) a contribution of £200 from the New Ross Urban Council and (3) that the New Ross Urban Council acquire some 30 acres of the marshes for the provision of a Public Park. The Wexford County Council had already agreed to the contribution of £800 and the Urban Council were now asked for a contribution of £200. Already the old Show Grounds had been acquired by the Council and negotiations were in progress for the purchase of the remainder of the 30 acres.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Presidimg Chairman, it was unanimously agreed to provide the contribution of £200 and that notice be given that the matter would be considered at next Council Meeting.

Moved by Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill,

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Seconded by Mr. Presiding Chairman,

"That the thanks of the Council and the citizens of New Ross were due to and are hereby tendered to Mr. Thomas Redmond for his untiring successful efforts in obtaining this Grant for the Town.

AGREED.

MAKING OF RATE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided to fix the 20th May, 1947 at 7.30 o'clock for above purpose.

BALLALLY FOR THE TOWN

Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill gave notice that he would move at the next available Meeting that the Council provide a public ballalley for the town.

CONDITION OF ROOKERY

Several members referred to the disagreeable condition of the open space on the High Hill - formerly the Rookery.

Referred to County Manager.

MOTION BY MR DUNPHY

By permission of the Council this motion "that the Council provide a Weighbridge of a capacity to weigh a five ton truck of timber and other commodoties as required "was deferred sine die.

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Chairman J. Blackin

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TUESDAY THE 20th DAY OF MAY, 1947

An adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to pass a resolution allowing and making the Municipal Rate as assessed in the Rate Book, of which Meeting special notice was given after every statutory requirement in relation to notices etc. had been complied with pursuant to Article 62 (1) of the Public Bodies Order, 1946.

PRESENT: Mr. Thomas Clarkin, Chairman, Presiding, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. W. Ronan, M. Dunphy, J. Shannon, J. Maddock, S. O'Doubhghaill and T. Redmond.

MAKING OF RATE

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was resolved

"That We raise the sum of Ten thousand, five hundred and fifty-four pounds, twelve shillings and eleven pence as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of One pound Four shillings and Six pence in the pound for the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, Nineteen hundred and forty-eight on the property situate in the Urban district of New Ross, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1946 and the Acts and Orders incorporated therewith, and the same to be collected in two moieties:- The first on or before the 30thd day of September, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven together with arrears of Four hundred and fifty pounds, six shillings.
and the Second on or before the 31st day of March, one thousand, nine hundred and forty-eight. "

ALLOWANCE OF RATE

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond and resolved:-

"That the Municipal Rate hereinbefore set forth was made by the Council of the New Ross Urban District at their Meeting held this day, and the same to be collected im two half yearly moieties, that is to say the first moiety on or after the 1st day of April, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven and the second on or after the first day of October next ensuing."

SEALING OF RESOLUTIONS ON RATE BOOK, ETC.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was duly resolved to attach the official Seal of the Council to

(1) The Resolution making the Rate - the Resolution having been duly signed.

(2) The Resolution allowing the Rate - the Resolution having been duly signed, and

(3) The Warrant to Collect and Levy the Rate - in quatriple,

pursuant to the various Acts and Orders enabling.

THE MEETING ENDED

Chairman T. Clarkin
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TUESDAY THE 10th DAY OF JUNE, 1947

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the ordinary business of the Council and consider the following special matters:-

(1) Confirming Council's Resolution agreeing to provide a contribution of £200 towards the expenses of reclamation of the marshes adjacent to the Old Show-Grounds.

(2) Provision of a public Ball Alley for the Town.

(3) Provision of a weigh-bridge to weigh a five ton truck.

(4) Ennis Resolution re Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

(5) Reclamation of old Quarry on the High Hill.

PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas Clarkin, Chairman presided.
Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. T. Redmond, M. Dunphy, W. Ronan and J. Shannon.

The County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th May, 1947 hereunder,
Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor,

"It was decided to fix Thursday next at 7.o'clock in the Council Chamber with the Engineer for the first Meeting of the Committee of the Council appointed to enquire into the possibility of acquiring houses in the town that might be rendered fit for human habitation at reasonable expense.

DISQUALIFICATION OF COUNCILLOR

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor,

"That having in view that an unnecessary hardship might be imposed on any Councillor by the operation of the Law regarding disqualification for non-payment of rates at the end of the financial year, the Council resolve that notice be sent to each Councillor fourteen and not less than seven days before the end of the financial year setting out the arrears due and the amount thereof.

AGREED.

The Chairman stated that he had in mind the disqualification of Councillor James Doyle. No one so far as he was aware had informed the public that the actual amount owed by Mr. Doyle amounted to eight pence. He was rather doubtful of the proceeding. It could easily happen that the Collector's day might fall on the 31st March and for any reason the collector might be delayed until the 1st day of April; or the last day of the financial year might fall in the middle of the week and a Councillor could be disqualified without his default.

Chairman ..... Michael Dunphy

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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Clerk having informed the Council that copies of the Resolution had been sent to the members of the Council,
Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, the resolution was adopted.

RECLAMATION OF BANKS
Council's Contribution of £200

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,

"that the resolution on this subject passed at a Meeting of the Council held on the 13th day of Mary, 1947 agreeing to provide a contribution of £200 be and the same is now confirmed."

AGREED.

BALLY ALLEY FOR NEW ROSS

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan,
"it was agreed that as the mover was not present at the Meeting to adjourn consideration of this matter."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1947/48

Circular RU/215/3 dated 28th Bealtaine, 1947 herein from the Department of Local Government intimating an allocation of £1,200 subject to a local contribution of £160, having been received the County Manager intimated that subject to further consideration by the Council he would consider the distribution of the Grant as follows:-

(1) Paling in and reclamation of the old plot of ground at Ard-na-Griene by levelling off, sewing grass seed and scrubs etc.

(2) The removal of all rubbish from the Quarry at High Hill and making same into a Grotto, subject to an undertaking from the Parish Priest that he would provide a suitable statue.

(3) Reconstruction of the concrete roadway from the North St. end of High Hill to the gate way of the Augustinian Church.

(4) Balance to be deported towards the continuation of the work on the show grounds.

As soon as sufficient ground was acquired for the public park it was his intention to devote all future employment grants towards it.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL, NEW ROSS

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
"That an enquiry be put through the proper channels to ascertain the ages and occupation of each student of this school".

The Chairman ruled the motion out of order.

FEIS COMMITTEE

Moved by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, a vote of congratulations was passed to the organisers of the Feis Charman 1947 in New Ross.
The County Manager associated himself with the vote.

Chairman M Dunphy

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NOTICE OF MOTION BY MR DUNPHY
WEIGHBRIDGE

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
Moved and Seconded by Mr. Chairman,

"That the Council provide a weighbridge of a capacity to weigh a five ton truck of timber of other commodoties as required".

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor,

"That the County Manager be requested to ascertain the cost of a weighbridge making out an estimate of the cost of erection and the cost of maintenance of a weighbridge to weigh five tons and the provision of a weighbridge to weigh ten tons."

Mr. Dunphy withdrew his motion in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR. E. MURPHY

In committee letter was read By the County Manager from Mr. Murphy to him charging Messrs. Graves and Co. New Ross with having confisgated part of the New Ross Quay, walling and fencing it in with a consequent loss of rates to the town and wraffage to the Harbour Board.

On the Motion of Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman,

"It was agreed to mark the letter "read".

Moved by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Lalor, a motion that the letter be acknowledged, was defeated by four votes to two, the mover and seconded voting in favour.

PROTEST AGAINST CLOSING RAILWAY BRANCH LINES

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Shannon,

"It was decided to protest against the closing of any and all branch lines by Coras Iompair Eireann"
the Chairman and Mrs. Lalor disagreeing.

CATHOLIC HOLY DAYS AND CLOSING

Proposed by Mr. Ronan, "that the Government be asked to legislate for the closing of all shops on Catholic Holy days"

As there was no seconded the motion lapsed.

WALL AT CHARIE TON HILL

Mr. Shannon drew attention to the fact that a wall at 68, Charleton Hill had fallen during the last storm and was now a danger to the neighbours.

Referred to the County Manager.

FLOODING OF HOUSE PREMISES
O'Hanlon's - High Hill

Mr. Ronan drew attention to this matter. The surface water rushes down Monk's lane and apparently is not trapped sufficiently to obviate the flooding of the house premises in the Bawn.

Referred to County Manager.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Dunphy asked the Council to request the County Manager to to try to have the water on at 7 o'clock in the mornings so as to permit people having breakfast before going to work.

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Chairman ..... M Dunphy

THE MEETING ENDED

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THURSDAY, 12th DAY OF JULY, 1947

A Meeting of a Committee of the whole Council was held this evening in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7 o'clock to examine into Councillor W. Ronan's proposal for the acquisition by the Council of such dwelling houses in the town that might with a reasonable outlay be made habitable although condemned as unfit by the competent officers of the Council, in order to bridge the period until the cost of new buildings was more favourable.

PRESENT: -

Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman presiding and
Messrs. W. Ronan, T. Redmond and M. Dunphy.

Mr. Buckley, B.E., Acting for the Town Surveyor also attended at the request of the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,

"That the Council furnish the Department with particulars of the floor space and number of occupiers of the dwelling houses owned by John Nolan, Mary O'Brien and M. Fluskey all in the Irishtown, and that the Department be notified of the Council's intention to acquire the same for re-conditioning."

Proposed by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy,

"That the Department be asked to inform the Council, if in any circumstances they will agree to the Council acquiring houses already listed as condemned for human habitation."

After a discussion Mr. Ronan agreed to withdraw his proposition and the amended motion was agreed to.

Proposed by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan and agreed.

"That the Council obtain from Messrs. Downes and Meehan, Architects, Dublin and Estimate of the present cost of reconditioning dwelling houses in Irishtown owned by Mr. Nolan and of the dwelling houses in Church Lane owned by Miss Travers."

DWELLINGS NOT LISTED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION

Mr. Ronan suggested that the Council could consider the acquisition by the Council of houses in the town not up to standard that might with reasonable expense be rendered fit. He instanced the house owned by Mrs. Mooney - McGee's, Irishtown.

After a discussion the Chairman ruled the Committee were not concerned with such houses.

THE MEETING ENDED

Chairman W Dunphy

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TUESDAY THE 24th DAY OF JUNE, 1947

A special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to fix a day and time from the holding of the Annual Meeting of the Council, pursuant to the law enabling.

PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Dunphy, Vice-Chairman presiding.
Mrs. Lalor and Mr. T. Redmond.

The County Manager was in attendance.

Clerk intimated that Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill had phoned that owing to illness he could not attend.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor,

"It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting at 7.45 p.m. on the 24th day of June, 1947.

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TUESDAY THE 24th DAY OF JUNE, 1947

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.45 o'clock pursuant to resolution passed by the Council at special Meeting convened for the purpose.

PRESENT: Mr. Michael Dunphy, Vice-Chairman presiding.
Mrs. Lalor and Mr. T. Redmond.

The County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond and adopted,

"That Mr. T. Clarkin be re-elected Chairman of the Council."

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond and adopted,

"That Mr. Michael Dunphy be re-elected Vice Chairman of the Council".

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond and agreed,

"That Messrs. J. Doyle, M. Dunphy and S. O'Doubhghaill be re-elected to the St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee".

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond and adopted,

"That Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill be re-elected to the Board of the New Ross and Waterford Port Sanitary Authority."

The Presiding Chairman having thanked the Members of the Council for their attendance during the year expressed the thanks of the Council to the County Manager for his unfailing courtesy and attendance at every Council Meeting.

Mrs. Lalor on behalf of the members of the Council associated them with the Chairman's expressions to the County Manager and wished him many years in his position.

THE MEETING ENDED

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Chairman Thomas Clarkin.
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TUESDAY THE 8th DAY OF JULY, 1947

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT:- Mr. Michael Dunphy, Vice-Chairman , Presiding.
Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. W. Ronan, J. Shannon and T. Redmond.

Mr. J. Doris, B.E., Deputy County Manager and
Mr. K. O'Hare, Deputy County Secretary and
Mr. J. Buckley, B.E. also attended.

Town Clerk intimated that the Chairman was unable to be present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

The Minutes of the Committee of the Council appointed to consider the reconditioning of houses in the town were also read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated 16/6/47 was read from the Right Revd. T. Monsignor Dean Cleary, P.P., V.G. disapproving of the site selected by the Urban Council as a Grotto.

Town Clerk intimated that following the receipt of the cummunication he contacted the County Manager and arrangements had been made to divert the part of the Government Grant applicable to tb the site towards other works connected with the Quarry.

Replying to Mr. Redmond, the Chairman stated he was advised that the site could only be converted into a ball-alley by public subscription.

On the Motion of Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Manager.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY MR. S. O'DOUBHGHAILL
BALLALLEY FOR NEW ROSS.

Presiding Chairman intimated that Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill had sent him word that he was unable to be present owing to illness and so he asked the Council to further postpone Mr. O'Doubhghaill's motion re the proposed Ballalley to a subsequent Meeting.

AGREED.

WASTEGROUND AT WINDMILL LANE

Letter dated 8/7/47 was read from the Tottenham Estate offering to lease this ground to the Council at £1 per annum provided it would not be used as a building Site. Town Clerk intimated that the Estate had previously offered the ground at 1/- per year with a like provision.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Shannon, it was decided to purchase this ground and to offer £10 for it.

HOUSING SCHEME - CHARLETON HILL

The following letter dated 4/7/47 was read from Messrs. Downes & Meehan, B.E. Architects, Dublin relative to the

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to the tender of Messrs. Ryan Bros. Contractors, New Ross for the erection of forty-nine houses at Charleton Hill :-

"As requested we have examined Messrs. Ryan Brothers' tender dated the 8th March, 1947 in connection with the above, Enclosed in your letter of the 19th June. This Tender was not submitted on the official tender form and gives little information beyond an approximate figure for the total works.

It should be particularly noted that the contractors have omitted two essential and substantial items from their tender, although these items are referred to in the specification, viz Guarantee Bond and Contingency amount. The contingency amount alone, namely 2½% of the total cost, would amount to £1243. 7. 6.

The rates of wages on which we assume the tender is based appear low, viz, Tradesmen 1/9¾d per hour, Labourers 1/1½d. per hour, as we understand the corresponding rates in Gorey are Tradesmen 2/8d and Labourers 1/7d.

Under the ciruumstances we are not prepared to recommend the acceptance of Messrs. Ryan Brothers' tender and we suggest that our recommendation of the 10th Feb., be adopted when we have no doubt that competitive tenders would be received more particularly as cement deliveries have returned to normal. "

Town Clerk intimated the proposal in the letter was before the Deputy County Manager and he was disposed - and indeed had made an Order- to re-advertise the houses in accordance with the Architects instructions without quantities.

Replying to Mr. Ronan the Deputy County Manager stated he had gone into the matter of the effect of the increase in wages with Mr. Buckley, and they arrived at the conclusion that with the increase in the materials the increased cost of erection of each house would approximately amount to £300 - bring each house up to a figure of £1450. The Council might perhaps consider reducing the number of houses to be built to say fifteen.

Mrs. Lalor contended that as the Council was advised by the County Manager the greater the number of houses to be erected the cost of each house would be proportionately decreased, the advise of the Deputy County Manager appeared at variance.

Mr. Ronan held that the Council had already unanimously decided that the cost was prohibitive and so had decided to abandon the erection of houses.

Replying to Mrs. Lalor the Deputy County Manager gave the opinion that wages and materials would not decrease.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided to confirm the Order of the County Manager - Mr. Ronan dissenting.

It was also decided to advertise for tenders in all the local newspapers and the Irish Press, Irish Independent and Irish Times.

REFERRED TO COUNTY MANAGER

The following matters raised at the Meeting were referred to the County Manager viz:-

(1) Request Coras Iompair Eireann to put on an evening train service from Waterford to Macmine to connect with the evening train service from Wexford to Dublin.

(2) Fixing of Well at 68, Charleton Hill.

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WATERWORKS SCHEME

Town Clerk replyigg to various members intimated that the Consulting Engineer - Mr. O'Connor, B.E. was in consultation with the Department on his proposals for the improvement of the water supply to the town and that might expect results without undue delay. The County Manager was giving his special attention to this matter and was in daily communication with the authorities as he considered the improvement absolutely urgent for the town.

PROVISION OF LANDS FOR TOWN PARK
MARSH MEADOWS

Letter was read from the Council's Solicitors dated 7/7/47 that they had succeeded in purchasing the following marshes namely :-

(1) 4.390 statute acres from Mr. A. P. Doyle for £100.

(2) 5.365 acres from Mr. Richard Bailey for £250,

(3) 3.136 and 2.128 acres from Mr. W.N. Neville for £140.

(4) 3.455 acres from J. and M. Travers for £50.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor the purchase of the lands on the instructions of the County Manager was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS

Clerk intimated that the Chairman had called and desired him to apologise for his unavoidable absence. He the Chairman had received a letter from Miss O'Riardon, Secretary of the Art Exhibition recently held in the large room of the Tholsel, tendering the thanks of the Committee for the use of the room and for the courtesy which was extended to them whilst on the premises.

Letter was read from - Warner Medrow, Leipzig, Russ. Zone dated 11/6/47 desiring to get acquainted with a young Irish lady or Gentleman and inhabitant of New Ross, so that he might obtain some knowledge of the cultural life in the town after the war and that he himself would speak about the life in Germany.

It was decided that the letter be referred to Mrs. Lalor.

Letter was read dated 4/6/47 from the Irish Manuscripts Commission, thanking the Councilfor the facilities afforded their Mr. Ainsworth whilst engaged in the examination of the New Ross collection and expressed regret at the unavoidable delay in publishing the report.

SIGNING OF DECLARATIONS

The declarations accepting office as Chairman and Vice-Chairman having been signed, THE MEETING ENDED.

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Chairman Michael Dempsey

TUESDAY THE I2th DAY OF AUGUST I947

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholse, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Mr. M. Dunphy, Vice-Chairman, presided, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs W. Ronan and J. Shannon.

The County Manager was also in attendance.

AMENDMENT OF RATES

Town Clerk explained to the Meeting that in assessing the Rates for the year ended 3Ist March I948 hereditaments without domestic water laid on to the premises were assessed to the Minicipal Rate at £I. 3. 0 whereas the Rate was £I. 4. 6. according to Section I9 (I) of the Local Government Act, I946. After consultation with the Council's Solicitors and the County Manager it was decided to ask the Council to amend the Rate Book so as to cause the Municipal Rate of £I. 4. 6. to be assessed in the cases mentioned. They had power to do this under Section 60 of the Local Government Act I94I.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by the Chairman

It was unanimously decided to make the amendment in the rates so as to make them conform with the enactments relating thereto and in accordance with the power conferred on the Council by Section 60 of the Local Government Act, I94I.

Mr. Ronan thought it was most unfair to assess a Domestic Water Rate to houses that had not got the ameniety.

County Manager replying to the debate stated that the law was there and there was no possibility of doing otherwise.

NEW WEIGHBRIDGE

A report was read from the Town Surveyor dated I2th August I947 that he would not advise the erection of either a five or ten ton weighbridge as a weighbridge of either capacity is not capable of weighing trucks. The platform dimensions of a bridge suitable for weighing modern trucks should be at least 22ft. x 9ft. A scale of I5 tons minimum is the smallest scales available with those dimensions. The cost of erection of such a weighbridge would be approximately £700 with maintenance cost of £5 per year.

Mr. Dunphy's Motion.

The Chairman suggested that the Council discuss his Notice of Motion for the purchase of a weighbridge for the town.

After a short discussion it was decided to have the matter postponed until there was a larger meeting of the Council.

Agreed.

RESOLUTION FROM SLIGO CORPORATION.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

The Resolution from the Sligo Corporation dated 7th July I947 requesting immediate action by the Government to increase the pensions of ex-National Teachers to equal the cost of living was passed unanimously.

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ART EXHIBITION

Letter dated I8th June I947,directed to the Chairman,was read from Miss F.A. Riordan, Secretary of the Art Exhibition Committee, transmitting a resolution proposed by Rev. J. Nolan and seconded by Mr. J.E. Walsh, tendering thanks to the Council for the facilities given them during the recent exhibition of pictures.

Noted.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND

Letter dated 26th July I947 was read from the Secretary of the Municipal Authorities Association attaching copies of the replies of the various Ministers to Resolutions adopted at last Annual Conference of the Association.

On the motion of Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

It was decided that the documents be copied and circulated to the Members.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION

Circular P.H.80/47 dated 6th June I947 was read from the Department of Health enclosing copy of a scheme prepared in the Department for active immunization against diphtheria.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Shannon,

It was decided that the scheme as suggested by the Department be made.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME CHARLETON HILL.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had before him that day one tender for the erection of 49 houses at Charleton Hill. The tender was based on existing prices and any increase on any of the figures would have to be considered an extra for the Contract.

It would take I50 weeks to complete the whole of the work. The total figure for the 49 houses was £65,282. 9. 6. He had decided to submit the tender and the Schedule of Prices, unopened, to the Council's Architects for their recommendation and he would be glad if the Council would approve of his action.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

It was decided to approve of the Manager's recommendation.

DUMP OUTSIDE ARD-NA-GREINE.

Replying to Mr. Ronan the County Manager stated that the Tottenham Estate as owners of this property refused to consider the sale of this plot of ground so that the only offer the Council had was £I per year in perpetuity. He would not accept this offer and consequently had given instructions that notice be served on the owners to clean the dump and keep it cleansed. The money intended from the State Grant for the walling in and planting of this plot of ground he diverted that day towards the Public Park.

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BREACH IN RIVER BANK

Replying to Mr. Ronan the County Manager told the Meeting that they were not concerned with the banks outside their own property. As the Council was already informed land, approximately 30 acres, had been acquired for a Public Park and the Givernment had agreed to give a substantial grant towards the banks there.

The County Manager then detailed the progress made so far for the provision of prominade. He hoped to have the parapit wall and some seats erected in the very near future.

Replying to the Chairman the Manager said he had met a deputation of men who were looking for an increase of wages and he agreed to consider the application favourably.

SITE FOR AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

The Chairman referred to correspondence some time ago in connection with the acquisition of a plot of ground by the postal authorities for the erection of an automatic telephone exchange. He understood from the occupiers of dwellings in Cross Lane that the Department of Posts & Telegraphs had acquired portion of their gardens for the purpose of erecting the exchange and that notice had been served on the holders of the plots of ground.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had sent on a list and the Town Surveyor was preparing a plan for a few more selected sites.

It was decided to write to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and ask if a site had been acquired and its location.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

A vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Daniel Hanley in which the County Manager was associated.

Proposed by Mr. Shannon
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

Votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives of the late Denis Cullen, Church Lane and J. Ronan, Knockmullen.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER I947.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman, Presiding, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs M. Dunphy and P. Maddock.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

COUNTY MANAGER.

Letter to the Town Clerk dated the 8th instant was read from the County Manager intimating that he would be unable to attend the Council Meeting owing to urgent work elsewhere and confirming his telephone message conveying his apologies to the Council.

NEW WEIGHBRIDGE.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes Mr. Dunphy mentioned he had a notice of motion dealing with the matter. The Minutes stated one reason for the postponement of his motion but the real reason was that he was in the Chair and had foreseen a casting vote he declined to ask the Council to consider the matter. He would now move the motion provided it was in order.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by the Chair

"That in accordance with the advice of the Acting Town Surveyor a weighbridge be erected costing £700 and that the County Manager be so advised."

There voted for :- The Chair and Mr. Dunphy.

Against :- Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Maddock.

The Resolution was carried on the casting vote of the Chairman.

Replying to Mr. Dunphy, Clerk informed the Meeting that the Manager would now deal with the matter.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Moved by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy a vote of condolence was passed to Rev. Father McCabe, O.S.A., on the death of his father.

AMENDMENT OF RATES - DOMESTIC WATER RATE.

Clerk explained that he had gone into this question with the Department since last Meeting owing to the rather expensive job entailed. He was now happy to inform the Council that no change would be made this year but that any adjustments necessary might be made at next Budget time.

Noted.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME - CHARLETON HILL.

On the instructions of the County Manager the Clerk read the letter dated 23rd August I947 from the Council's Consulting Architects, Messrs Downes & Meehan, Dublin, relative to the tender submitted by Messrs Ryan Bros., New Ross. Competitive tenders could only be obtained on Bills of Quantities. They could not

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recommend the acceptance of the tender.

Replying to Mr. Dunphy Clerk stated the Council accepted the tender subject to the sanction of the Department. The Department requested the advice of the Architects and so the documents were sent to the Architects. Copy of the Architects letter with the relevant documents were forwarded to the Department and the Council were now awaiting a decision.

No Order.

ROADS.

Mrs. Lalor referred to the bad condition of the surface of Neville Street.

Referred to County Manager.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

Mrs. Lalor referring to the concrete road to new public park considered the expenditure should have given more employment. The concrete work was too wide and too thick.

Referred to County Manager.

TRANSPORT WORKER'S UNION.

INCREASE OF WAGES TO CASUAL EMPLOYEES.

The following letter dated 8th September 1947 to the Chairman was read by him :-

"I wish to draw your attention and that of your Council to the fact that we have not yet received a reply to our letter of the 20th ultimo, which was addressed to the Secretary of your Council, a copy of which I enclose.

It is in reference to recent increases in wages accorded to your present permanent employees, but it seems that the two casusl workers referred to in this copy letter were excluded from this increase. Why ? as both of them are entitled to the new rate for the period which they were employed by the Urban Council in the Urban Area.

Hoping this matter will have your immediate and prompt attention."

Clerk explained that the sanction of the Department only related to the scavenging staff of the Council. On consultation with the Town Surveyor he decided to give the increase - as from the date of the County Manager's Order - to the permanent staff. On receipt of the letter from the Union he handed it to Mr. Buckley for attention.

Recommended the County Manager to grant the increase to the casual labour for the periods in which such employment operated.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER BODIES.

ENNISCORTHY URBAN COUNCIL.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor
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calling on the Government to withdraw the Timber Fuel Restriction Order to enable many householders to lay in a supply of fuel for the winter months was adopted.

ATHY URBAN COUNCIL.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

The Resolution of the above Council that further payments of increases in Ministerial, Deputies, &c., salaries be withheld pending a reasonable increase in O.A. Pensions etc, was marked read.

WEXFORD CORPORATION

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

It was agreed to recommend the adoption of above Resolution relative to the taking over by local bodies of houses capable of being rendered fit for human habitation to the Conference of Municipal Authorities.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL.

Mr. Dunphy, having been informed of the present position in this matter suggested that the County Manager again approach the E.S.B. to provide lighting to the above area.

Referred to County Manager.

PLAN OF NEW PUBLIC PARK.

Mrs. Lalor said it was time that the County Manager provided the Council with a plan of the New Public Park.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED

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Chairman Thomas Clarkin
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TUESDAY I4th DAY OF OCTOBER I947

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Messrs T. Clerkin, Presiding, T. Redmond, M. Dunphy, S. ODubhghaill and J. Shannon.

The County Manager was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes Mr. Dunphy inquired if an advertisement was issued for supplies for School Meals.

The matter was referred to the County Manager.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Mr. Redmond moved that the condolence of the Council be extended to the widow and relatives of the late George Dooley, Hoodsgrove, New Ross, who was a member of the Council for a number of years and that the Meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect.

Mr. S. O'Dubhghaill seconded.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by ~~Seconded by~~ Mr. Shannon

A vote of sympathy was passed with Right Rev. T. Monsignor Cleary, P.P.,V.G., on the death of his sister.

The votes having been endorsed by the other Members of the Council and the County Manager

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TUESDAY THE IIth November I947

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Messrs T. Clerkin, Presiding, Mrs. Lalor, Messrs T. Redmond, J. Shannon and M. Dunphy.

The County Manager also attended.

Moved by the Chairman

Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

The Meeting adjourned for a fortnight in respect to the memory of the late Mr. P.N. O'Gorman, Rosbercon, without reading the Minutes.

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TUESDAY 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER I947

An adjourned meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held in the Tholsel New Ross on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman, Presiding, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs J. Shannon, T. Redmond and S. O'Doubhghaill.
The County Manager was in attendance .

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Notices for Meetings.

Mr. O'Doubhghaill whilst not imputing anything wrong intimated that if Notices for the meetings of the Council were sent by post it would be more desirable than the present method of delivery by hand:
He moved accordingly.
Mrs. Lalor Seconded. Agreed.
Clerk advised the meeting of the existance of Sec. 40 of the Commissions Clauses Act I847 obliging the Council to attend all statutory monthly meetings for the transaction of general business without notice.

Notices of Sympathy.

Right Revt. Mons. Dean Cleary P.P. V.G. New Ross, Mrs. P.N. O'Gorman, Rosbercon and Mrs. Dooley Garranbehy wrote thanking the Council for Votes of Sympathy passed at last two meetings of the Council.

Vacancy on Harbour Board.

Acting Secretary of the Board wrote intimating that Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill was disqualified under I9 Sec. of the Harbours Act I946 and under Sec. I5 (I) (A) of same act the Council should appoint a member to fill the vacancy within two months of I0th inst.

It was agreed between the members that the hour of the Meetings of the Board was most inconvenient.
Adjourned.

Marsh Meadows.

A letter P 32339/47 dated II Samhain I947 to the County Manager was read from the Land Commission regarding the repair of embankment adjoining the river Barrow at Marsh Meadows, From inspection an extensive scheme of repair is necessary to restore the flooded lands estimated to cost from £9,000 to £II,000. The Commission has sanctioned £9,000 of which £8,I00 is by way of free grant. Adequate provision however must be made for maintenance and the Wexford Co. CO. and the New Ross U.D.C. are requested to contribute not less than £I400 to form a permanant fund the income from which should maintain the banks.

Mrs. Lalor gave notice that she would move that the New Ross Urban Council provide a sum of £400.

Town and Regional Planning Act I934.

A letter P.L. I09 Samhain I947 was read from Dept. Local Government requesting particulars of the latest occasion on which the passing of the resolution under Sec. 26 of the Act was considered by the Council and the action taken thereon.
Adjourned.

Relief Grant.

Clerk reported the expenditure on the works on Show grounds under the recent grant amounted to £I,048.6.5. Total grant including local taxation £I0I5.0.0. Deficit £33.6.5. was due to increases in wages amounting to £38.8.4.

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Moved by Mrs. Lalor.
Seconded by T. Redmond.

It was agreed to provide the £33.6.5.

NEW ROSS POUND.

An estimate for repairs to the Pound amounting to £534.6.5 was read from the Engineer - Mr. Buckley. This work was required under orders of the County Registrar.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond.
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor that the Council refuse to provide the money.

Passed unanimously.

WATER WORKS.

Correspondence was read between the Department, the County Manager, County Engineer and Mr. Buckley Town Surveyor relative to the proposed reconstruction of the Water Works.

The Council approved of the action taken by the County Manager and expressed the opinion that the only solution was to provide new mains.

Sanitation.

Chairman drew attention to reports he had received that the following houses were without proper Sanitary Accomodation Viz:-
Mrs. Rossiter, Neville Stre et, Agnes Grace Neville Street, and James Clegg Neville Street.

It was decided to have the houses inspected and proceedings instituted after having notified the Landlords.

REPAIRS

A letter undated was read from Mrs. Blanche, No. 6 William St., reporting her house as requiring repairs.

"Back room floor is all rotted away and there is no window at all in it. The frame is all gone"
She has seven children sleeping in this room.

FIRE BRIGADE.

Arising out of a comment by Mr. S. O'Doubhghaill that Mr. Buckley B.E. used his own car for haulage of the Trailer pump to a recent fire, The County Manager detailed arrangements on which he was engaged for the provision of a Jeep and Siren in connection with the Ross Brigade.

WEIGHBRIDGE.

Mr. Redmond drew attention to the cost of the Weighbridge which the Council propose to acquire for New Ross.

The County Manager advised the Council that he had estimates for a Weighbridge ranging in cost from £2,000 to £2,500.

Chairman reading the Minutes concerning the Council's decision pointed out that their Engineer had named a sum of £700.

Referred to the County Manager.

BYELAWS.

It was decided to inform the Council's Solicitor that 7 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday next would suit the Council for a conference with him relative to the Byelaws.

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TUESDAY THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER I947.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday the 9th day of December I947, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Messrs T. Clerkin, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Lalor, Messrs T. Redmond, W. Ronan, S. Doyle, M. Dunphy and the County Manager,

OBJECTION TO MINUTES

WATERWORKS

Mr. Doyle objected that he did not approve of the action of the County Manager to alter the course of the pipeline proposed by Engineer appointed by the Council. There could be no use in appointing an Engineer otherwise.

MRS. BLANCHE'S COMPLAINT.

HOUSE REPAIRS.

County Manager having detailed the verbal report of the Engineer on the repairs required.

It was decided that the Engineer be asked to state why the repairs were not carried out during the time the other houses in the street were being reconditioned.

MOTION BY MRS. LALOR.

PROVISION OF £400 TOWARDS MAINTENANCE OF EMBANKMENT.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Doyle and passed

"That the New Ross Urban District Council provide a sum of not more than £400 towards the repairs to the river embankment at Marshmeadows without any liability for maintenance afterwards."

HARBOUR BOARD MEETINGS.

Mr. Doyle proposed that the vacancy created by his own disqualification under the Harbours Act I946 be not filled by the Council.

Mr. Chairman in seconding stated that the present hour of the Meeting of the Harbour Board was most inconvenient for the Members of the Council appointed on that Board, and that the Council should not fill the vacancy until such time as the hour of Meeting is made convenient. He would put an addendum calling the attention of the appropriate Minister to the matter.

This was agreed to.

BYELAWS

It was decided to fix Tuesday next at 7.30 o'clock at the Solicitors offices to continue the work of the Public Health Byelaws.

ROAD AT ROSBERCON HILL.

Mr. Doyle drewxattention to the bad condition of the surface of

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this road.

Referred to County Manager.

STREET NAMES.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor and on the casting vote of the Chairman it was decided that the streets of the town be named in Irish only.

HOUSING SHORTAGE.

EVICTION OF SUB-TENANTS.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that in view of the present dearth of houses action to evict sub-tenants be postponed.

Referred to County Manager.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Mr. Ronan submitted the Irishtown should be lighted on Fair Mornings.

Mr. Dunphy requested the Council to provide a Pilot light at Charleton Hill.

Mr. Ronan stated there was no light from Three Bullet Gate to the Hospital.

Mr. Doyle required that the Town Clock be lighted.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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Chairman Michael Dunphy

TUESDAY I3th DAY OF JANUARY I948

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary business of the Council pursuant to the various Acts and Orders enabling.

Present :- The Vice-Chairman M. Dunphy, presiding, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs W. Ronan, T. Redmond, J. Shannon and J. Doyle.

The County Manager was also present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

Mr. Doyle said that the Minute "Mr. Doyle objected that he did not approve of the action of the County Manager to alter the course of the pipeline (new Waterworks Scheme) proposed by the Engineer appointed by the Council. There could be no use in appointing an Engineer otherwise" was not correct. He did not object to the County Manager's action.

Several Members having agreed the Minute was correct the Minutes were duly signed.

DEATH OF FR. McCABE'S FATHER.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had been asked by Father McCabe, O.S.A., to thank the Council for their vote of sympathy passed on the death of his father.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Replying to the Meeting County Manager stated that nothing further had been received from the Department. He took it the matters suggested by the Council were being discussed between the Consultant and the Department. County Manager also gave details of a suggestion (which he rather favoured) by Mr. Place, Rosemount, that the pipeline should be diverted so as to pass through the public thoroughfare from Ballyanne to Sullivan's Public House. This would avoid the cintinuing trouble at McMorrough and revemue would benefit by the various residences en route.

The Council requested the County Manager to request the approval of the Ministry to the Engineer's Scheme as amended by the Council.

ANNUAL LETTER FROM MR. POWELL.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that the usual letter was received from Mr. Powell.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That the letter be marked "read".

The voting resulted :-

FOR :- Messrs Ronan and Redmond.

AGAINST :- Mrs. Lalor and Messrs Shannon, Doyle, and the Chairman

The letter was then read in which Mr. Powell renewed his annual good wishes for the New Year hoping "that I948 will see a continuation of your close attention to the needs of the town." The Council had

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however failed to insert in their Statute Book their intention to plaster the gable end of his house despite repeated reminders.

"It might be well to pass a resolution (a good first one for the New Year) that, subject to Department sanction of course, a new book be procured to complete the record of the Council's good intentions and that this be the first entry."

Referred to County Manager.

ROADS.

Mr. Ronan drew attention to the old cobble channels in South Street.

Referred to County Manager.

LETTING LARGE ROOM THOLSEL.

The Chair intimated that he had been asked by Fr. Nolan, C.C., New Ross, to enquire about the conditions for the use of the Large Room.

Replying the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager had made arrangements for the drafting of requisite rules which would govern this letting. The room could be let for any public meeting provided reasonable notice was given to enable the necessary arrangements.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was agreed to advise the County Manager to arrange that at least 48 hours notice be given.

REPAIRS TO MRS. BLANCHE'S HOUSE, WILLIAM STREET.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Council the following report was read dated I3th January I948 from the Council's Engineer, Mr. Buckley, B.E. :-

"I am not in a position to state why Mrs. Blanche's house was passed over during repairs to William Street houses. The William Street houses were repaired by Mr. Rossiter, Building Contractor, under Mr. Doran's supervision. Half of the flooring of the rere bedroom of this hiuse was removed and I had it replaced, also defective flooring in front bedroom was replaced. Repairs were also carried out to the window frames and sashes and the chimney flue."

No order.

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TUESDAY IOTH FEBRUARY I948.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Mr. T. Clerkin, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs M. Dunphy, J. Shannon, T. Redmond, W. Ronan.

Mr. Doris, County Engineer, attended in the absence of the County Manager who is ill.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYE-LAWS.

Tuesday the I7th February was selected for a continuation of the examination of draft bye-laws at the Offices of the Council's Solicitors.

ROADS.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Shannon

The Resolution of the Kinsale Urban Council requesting the Government to allocate Grants to Urbany Councils for Urban Road maintenance on a similar basis to that on which it is allocating Grants to County Councils for the maintenance of County roads was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Doris recommended the passing of the resolution intimating that County roads got 75% of the total cost by way of Grant.

HOUSING.

Mr. Redmond inquired the present position as regards the building of houses.

Town Clerk reminded the Meeting that a Quantity Surveyor, Mr. D. O'Reilly Hyland, had been appointed by the Council. His appointment had been notified to the Architects to the Council, Messrs Downes & Meehan. They had reported that the work was progressing. No Quantities had been received yet. The Council considered an unreasonable delay appeared to have taken place and it was decided that the Architects be requested to speed their work.

SANITATION OF HOUSES.

The Chairman drew attention to the minute of the Council setting out that the Council had decided to have certain houses in Neville Street inspected and proceedings instituted after due notification to the owners. He would like to know the present position. The Town Clerk said he would look into the matter and would have the necessary work done without further delay.

CHRISTMAS RELIEF SCHEME.

Mr. Dunphy inquired about this scheme. He understood that the grant was to be devoted to paling in the plot at ArdnaGreine, the cleaning up of the Quarry at High Hill and repairs to concrete steps of North Street end of High Hill to the Bullawn.

The Town Clerk said that the difficulty of acquiring title deeds to the site at ArdnaGreine appeared to be one cause of delay.

Mrs. Lalor stated that she was reliably informed that the Council maps should show this site as a derelict one and acquired by the Council

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some time ago.

Replying to Mr. Ronan the Clerk stated the site had been purchased by the Council for £30.

Referred to County Manager.

HARBOURS BILL.

The Council decided to postpone consideration of the Bill until it had been circulated to the Members.

HOUSING

The Clerk intimated that he received a copy of "The White Paper" entitled "Housing" - a review of past operations and immediate requirements.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

It was decided that copies be obtained and supplied to the Members.

COUNTY MANAGEMENT (Reserved Functions)ORDER I948.

A letter C.I. NO. GI2/48 dated 3Ist January I948 was read from the Department of Local Government transmitting a copy of an Order hereunder under which certain executive functions of the Urban Council will in future be exercised and performed directly by the Council and enclosing a list of powers, functions and duties.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

It was decided that each Councillor be supplied with a copy.

HEALTH ACT I947.

A Circular I63/47 dated 2nd January I948 was read from the Department of Health intimating certain changes as regards the Urban Council. The Minister for Agriculture will henseforth be responsible for the administration of all legislation relating to veterinary supervision of meat and milk supplies and general administration of the Milk & Dairies Act and the various Emergency Powers Orders as well as the control of appointments, holding of local inquiries, decision on surcharges, etc. The Minister for Health's functions will relate in future to Public Health aspects such as the control of human diseases in connection with the sale of milk. As and from the Ist April I948 the Urban Council will not be responsible for the Health services. Their function in relation to infectious diseases, vaccination, Child Welfare and Free Milk will be discharged by the Wexford County Council as the Health Authority.

RENT RESTRICTIONS ACT I946.

The Chairman having given the Council a survey of the extent of this Act moved "That we the Members of the New Ross Urban District Council protest against the I946 Rent Restrictions Act which enables the Landlord to increase the existing rent by approximately I5% of the money he expends in putting a house in a reasonable state of repair and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department of State responsible and to all the Public Bodies in Eire.

Passed unanimously.

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THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY 9th DAY OF MARCH 1948

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. T. Clerkin, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Lalor and Messers M. Dunphy, J. Shannon and W. Ronan.

The Town Clerk intimated that the County Manager had not quite recovered from his recent illness and that Mr. Doris was deputising for him but was unable to remain for the meeting as he had an early appointment with the Department in Dublin in the morning.

BYE-LAWS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor's dated 2nd March 1948 requesting the Council to arrange another interview in reference to the proposed Bye-laws. The Chairman and Mrs. Lalor signified they were unable to attend the last interview and it was arranged to meet the Solicitor at 7.30 on next Thursday the 18th March. Mr. W. Ronan was added to this Committee.

RELIEF GRANTS.

Reading out the Minutes the Town Clerk stated he was advised the Christmas Grant would be applied to the reclamation of the old quarry at the top of Windmill Lane. The plan proposes to wall in the plotted ground, fill and level, provide concrete footpaths and the planting of shrubs. It would be a playground or a small park. This would absorb almost the Grant. The remainder would be applied to work on the Priory Street Park.

Mr. Ronan gave notice that unless the work was started on this grant within the next fourteen days he would move a special meeting be called to expedite the matter.

HARBOUR BOARD

The Chairman intimated that he had duly received a copy of the Harbour Act 1947. He understood that the Government had been informed that the delegates from the Council were unable to attend the meetings because the hour fixed by the Harbour Board for meetings was not suitable for the members of the Council.

It was decided to write to the Department to request that the Council would be informed if anything had been done to facilitate the Council at the Harbour Board meetings.

SANITATION.

The Chairman drew attention to the Minutes of the last meeting in which the Town Clerk is down as stating that he would look into the matter of Sanitation of houses in Neville Street.

The Town Clerk stated that he understood the landlord was agreeable to go ahead with the work but he would go further with matter.

It was decided that statutory notice would be served without further delay.

RENT RESTRICTIONS ACT, 1946

A letter was raad from the Roscommon County Council dated the 27th February, 1948 that at the Quarterly Meeting of that body, the Resolution under the above Act was marked "Read"

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A letter was also read from the County Council of Waterford dated the 16th February 1948 that the Secretary would read the Resolution before the next Meeting of his County Council.

REPAIRS TO THE BANKS OF THE RIVER.

The Chairman dealt, at length with the position of labour employed by the Land Commission on the work at the closing of the bridges in the river banks outside the Urban area. At the commencement several men were employed from the town and they appear now to have been replaced so that now there is no person from the urban area employed there. Mr. Redmond, Mr. Ronan and himself were approached with a view to having the urban men reinstated. At several interviews he, the Chairman decided to invoke the aid of the County Deputies and as a result he had letters from Mr. Corish, Sir John Esmonde, and Dr. Ryan. All agreed to have the matter of the labour on the drainage investigated. The Secretary to the Department of Lands in writing to Sir John Esmonde stated that inquiries werebbeing made at once to ascertain the position and then a full reply could be expected early.

HOSPITAL AMBULANCE

Mrs. Lalor requested to be informed if she could obtain anywhere the rules for taking out the ambulance.

Chairman moved that as the Council have nothing to do with the ambulance and as the matter was one for the County Council he could not have a discussion. Mrs. Lalor should be able to obtain the information from Mr. Redmond, Local Representative of the County Council.

ESTIMATES MEETING.

On the motion of Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was decided to hold the Estimates Meeting on 31st March, 1948.

ROADS.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that Mr. Buckley, the acting Town Surveyor reported on today that £511. 14. 1. had been expended on the New Ross streets during the past year and that the estimate provided for £400. It would therefore be necessary to pass a resolution authorising the additional expenditure of £111. 14. 4.

The Clerk then read the Report from the Surveyor. Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Ronan gave the opinion that the work done was not satisfactory and that the Council should not be asked to agree to the increase without more particulars.

After lengthy discussion, it was decided to adjourn the matter to the 23rd March.

The Meeting adjourned.

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TUESDAY THE 23rd DAY OF MARCH, 1948

An adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider the Town Surveyor's application for a sum of £111. 14. 4. being amount expended on Urban Roads in excess of the Estimate of £400.

PRESENT:- Mr. Thomas Clarkin, Chairman, Presiding, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. S. O'Doubhghaill, W. Ronan.

Mr. Buckley, B.E. attended for Mr. Doris, Be. E., Deputy County Manager.

Town Clerk intimated that the acting County Manager had informed him by 'phone that he would be unable to attend and had delegated Mr. Buckley, B.E., to attend on his behalf.

Mr. Buckley having disposed of matters arising out of the expenditure on the streets :-

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor,
"It was resolved that the money expended in excess be provided by the Council"

THE MEETING ENDED

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WEDNESDAY THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1948

The Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross at 7.30 o'clock this evening pursuant to the Order of the Minister dated the 22nd day of March, 1948 rélative.

PRESENT:- Mr. Michael Dunphy, Vice-Chairman presiding, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. J. Shannon, T. Redmond and J. Doyle.

Mr. J.F. Doris B.E., Wexford County Engineer attended as deputy for the County Manager.

Presiding Chairman notified the Meeting that the Chairman was unable to attend due to absence from home.

Town Clerk intimated that Mr. Ronan could not attend owing to illness.

Town Clerk having notified the Meeting that a copy of the Estimate of Expenses and Determination of the Rates in the pound for the local Financial year ending on the 31st day of March 1949 with the Manager's memorandum explanatory of the Estimates had been circulated to the Council proceeded to read, with the permission of the Deputy County Manager, detailed items of Receipts and Expenditure. Mr. Doyle objected on the ground that he had no figures to reconcile the detailed items with the figures supplied to him on the official form.

Town Clerk explained that the document sent to each Councillor was in accordance with law and there was no obligation whatever to go into details. The details supplied by the Deputy Manager were given to facilitate the Council and were purely voluntary. The Council could adopt or reject the estimates as supplied on the official form subject to statutory regulations.

With the consent of the Meeting details of the various Expenditure and Income items were then confirmed and discussed.

Comparative figures were given of the County Council Demands from 1943 to date showing increases regularly from £3823 in 1943 to £7062 for the ensuing year - the last increase being from £5348, making an increase of rate in the £ from 10/7 to 13/8. The County Council had control of the streets of the Town under the 1925 Local Government Act and the Council were compelled by law to supply the money demanded by the County Council for maintenance. The Urban Council had no authority over the streets and the County Council were absolutely responsible for them. The County Council Demand for the ensuing year was £1125. as against £427 last year for maintenance of the streets.

Urban purposes included repayment of principal and interest on loans amounting to £4283, Salaries £1800 St. Stephen's Cemetary £75 which must be met. The usual services constitute the rest making a total expenditure of £15147, against which is set receipts estimated at £8497 leaving a sum of £6650 to be found by rate which is 13/9 in the £ on the effective valuation.

The Manager had not made provision for-

(1) Council's resolution to provide £400 towards the river banks reclamation.

(2) Purchase of extra lands for the Town Park.

(3) New Charleton Hill Housing Scheme.

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(4) New Waterworks Scheme.

Salaries of Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector and the expenses of the Free Milk Scheme had under recent legislation been transferred to the County Council.

Arising out of the reading of detailed estimates:-

SCHOOL MEALS

Replying to Mr. Doyle Town Clerk stated a regular schedule duly signed by each school Manager was supplied to the Department of the number of children and the quality and quantity of food provided. The documents were duly signed. The Estimates were prepared on this information and the Emergency Regulations obtaining. All bills were paid on the certificates of the person responsible in the schools and the Council must accept same as correct. The Teachers performed this work voluntarily.

Presiding Chairman suggested that the decrease in the cost of bread supplied should have a bearing on the Estimates.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT

Replying to several comments on this item the Deputy Manager informe the Council that he was at present in communication with the Department on the question. He hoped to have a County Brigade and that a contribution of £100 could be made available for New Ross.

OFFICE EXPENSES

Replying to Mr. Doyle Town Clerk stated he was unable at the moment to give details but he might take it the amount was adequate. It included postage, Telephone, Stationery, Heating, Lighting, Maps, Town Surveyor's office, Rate Collectors etc.

REPAIRS - ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS'

Replying to the Chair Town Clerk informed the Meeting that £926. 10. 7. was expended on repairs last year. It consisted of £285. 9. 4. for materials and £641. 1. 3. wages. The Council intended to progressively repair the property and so the Manager estimated for £1000.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle,
"That this be reduced by £300"
Seconded by the Chair.

Deputy County Manager having given his reasons agreed to a reduction of £200.

Mrs. Lalor emphatically expressed her disagreement with any reduction. The houses were badly in need of repairs and the money allocated considering the cost in wages would be inadequate.

Subject to Mrs. Lalor's disagreement the reduction was agreed to eventually:-

Proposed by Mr. Doyle,
Seconded by the Chair, it was resolved that the County Manager's Estimate as altered be adopted and a municipal rate of £1. 7. 0. fixed for the services of the Council for the financial year ending on the 31st March 1949, Mrs. Lalor dissenting.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I3th DAY OF APRIL I948.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7:30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Mr.M. Dunphy, Vice-Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Lalor, Messrs T. Redmond, J. Shannon and J. Doyle.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting, the adjourned Meeting and the Estimates Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Clerk notified the Meeting that the County Manager was still recovering from his recent illness and that Mr. Doris, the Deputy Manager was unable to be present as he had to leave with the Auditors late in the evening for Wexford.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 3IST MARCH I947. The Clerk notified the Members that he had sent out the Notices in connection with the Audit which had opened this morning.

BYE-LAWS. A letter was read from the Council's Solicitors that they attended in their office on the 23rd March, I948 as arranged with the Committee in connection with the Bye-Laws. Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Doyle only attended. No Member of the Committee arrived up to 8 o'clock, consequently there was no progress.

Replying to Mrs. Lalor, the Clerk stated that there were Draft Bye-Laws prepared by a Government Department. Excepting the Waterworks, the Council could do very little in improving the model Bye-Laws and were merely asking the Council's Solicitors to conform the model Bye-Laws in accordance with the requirements of the town.

SCHOOL MEALS. Three Tenders were received.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

The Tender for supplies of Messrs. J. Hutchinson, being the lowest was accepted for plain and fancy bread at 9d. per 4lb. loaf, delivered and butter, jam and cocoa at the controlled price.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS. Only one Tender was received. It was from Reville Bros., New Ross, offering :-

Ulster Chieftans	@ 26/-	per cwt
British Queens	@ 28/-	" "
Kerrs Pinks	@ 26/-	" "
Compound Fertilizer	@ I4/3	" "

Cabbage Plants @ 3/- per I00
Soltosan at controlled price.

The Tender was accepted.

TOWN PLANNING ACT I934.

Arising out of a letter from the Department of Local Government dated the 25th February, I948 requesting to be informed of the latest occasion of which the passing of the Resolution under Section 26 of the Act was passed and taken by the Council thereon.

It was decided to have the matter considered after special notice had been given.

HARBOUR BOARD VACANCY.

A letter was read dated the 23rd March, I948 from the Department

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of Industry and Commerce intimating that as the Council failed to fill a vacancy created by the disqualification of a Member of the Council the Minister had now to fill the vacancy on the Harbour Board and he asked the Council to submit for his consideration the names of persons regarded as suitable for appointment.

Proposed by the Chairman "That no action be taken". There was no seconder.

Adjourned.

RENT RESTRICTIONS ACT 1946. Paragraph II (2).

A letter was read from the Department of Justice dated the 25th March, 1948 setting out that the reason why the Minister was not prepared to consider the proposal for amendment of this Section of the Act as suggested by the Council. Letters were also read from the Urban Councils of Navan, Buncrana, Dunlaoghaire, Bray and Monaghan that the Resolutions were marked "Read".

It was decided that the letter from the Minister be submitted to the Chairman as he was responsible for the Resolution.

IRON GATE AT CHARLETON HILL.

Mrs. Lalor complained that the condition of this iron gate could easily lead to an accident. She didn't know who was responsible and suggested that the gate be removed.

Referred to County Manager.

APPLICATION FOR RANGE.

Letter from James Grace to the Chairman requesting a new range, was read.

Referred to County Manager.

CHARLETON HILL LIGHTING.

The Chairman drew attention to the importance of having this wire attended to without undue delay.

Clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr. Coffey to have this work done.

DERELICT SITE.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the unsightly vacant site on Bullawn - back of the Council's Church Lane houses. It would be well to inform the County Manager and suggest that the ground be walled-in and the space be divided between the tenants of the Church Lane houses.

Referred to County Manager.

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TUESDAY IIth DAY OF MAY I948

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross U rban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. T. Clerkin, Chairman, Presiding, Mrs. Lalor, and Messrs T. Redmond, W. Ronan, J. Doyle, J. Shannon and M. Dunphy.

The County Manager (present) was congratulated on behalf of the Council by the Chairman on his recovery from recent illness.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS.

Letter dated 23rd March I948 from the Council's Solicitor asking for another appointment in connection with Bye-laws was again read.

It was decided to arrange with the Solicitor any week evening from Tuesday to Thursday.

RENT RESTRICTIONS ACT RESOLUTION.

The Chairman having read a letter No. 89/98 dated 25th March I948 from the Department of Justice in regard to the provisions of paragraph G. of Section II (2) of the Rent Restrictions Act, I946, suggested that the questions involved in the Resolution were not answered by the Department and that so long as there is one per cent of an increase a tenant should not be satisfied.

No Order.

EMPLOYMENT AT RIVER BANKS.

The Chairman read a letter dated 26th April I948 from the Department of Lands, Dublin, that the work on embankment repairs at Marshmeadows is of a particularly difficult and specialized nature. Most of the men employed had previous experience of similar Land Commission work. When additional men are required full consideration will be given to the claim of suitable workers in New Ross who are registered in the Exchange. The Chairman desires to express his appreciation of the assistance given to his representations in this regard to Mr. Corish and Sir John Esmonde.

LOCAL LOANS FUND.

Circular No. H 3I/48 dated 6th May I948 was read from the Department of Local Government intimating that on and from the 5th May, I948, the rate of Interest out of Local Loans Fund will be at the rate of 3¼% per annum.

IRISH HOUSEWIVE'S ASSOCIATION.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had received an application from the Irish Housewive's Association for permission to use one of the rooms of the Tholsel to house a collection of historic articles. He, Manager, made an order that the room was intended as a Library Centre and Assembly Room. It was not possible to arrange for a permanent public exhibition.

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SUPERANNUATION ACT I948.

The County Manager detailed the obligations of the Council under this Act and in particular to the third part of it which sets out the superannuation of established servants. He advised the Council to obtain the views of their employees before adopting this part of the Act as it is contributary and in his opinion the annual contribution is rather high.

VACANCY ON HARBOUR BOARD.

A further letter dated I0th May I948 was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce, Dublin, requesting the Council to submit the names and addresses of persons whom the Council regard as suitable for appointment for the Harbour Board.

Adjourned.

RESOLUTION FROM MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE.

HOUSING GRANT FROM TRANSITION FUND.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

"That the Resolution from this conference that the finances in connection with Housing are totally inadequate to meet the cost of providing houses for working people and requesting that the amount provided by the fund and the Subsidy should be greatly increased so as to avoid an undue burden on the ratepayers and a high rent to the tenant and further that the Minister concerned be requested to be more generous in the Grant and Subsidy as the building cost is now three times the pre-war cost be agreed to."

Passed unanimously.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

Friday 25th June, I948, was fixed as the date of the Annual Meeting and the hour at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

TENDERS FOR THE ERECTION OF 49 HOUSES AT CHARLETON HILL.

Tenders were received from :-

R.E. Richards, Haverfordwest, Wales.	£88, I5I. 0. 0
Messrs J. Hearne & Son, Waterford.	£87, 336. 0. 0
Patrick McManus, Roscrea.	£75, 575. I2. I
Ryan Bros., New Ross.	£82, 506. I9. II

The Chairman decided that it was impossible to build houses at the prices quoted.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

"That no action be taken on the tenders."

Agreed.

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Replying to Mr. Redmond, the County Manager gave details of a scheme which he had in hands for the erection of houses by direct labour, costing £I,400 per house. With a grant from the Transition Fund and the Government Subsidy the rent would work out at 8/- per week plus rates.

Mr. Ronan suggested that the Council acquire twenty or thirty hoyses in the Irishtown at present capable of being reconditioned and to expend £200 on each house which should be sufficient to put each house into habitable repair.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,

That the County Manager make arrangements for the preparation of a scheme of ten houses to be erected by direct labour under the supervision of ahe Engineer, the houses to be erected on the Charleton Hill site.
Agreed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Chairman drew attention to the following matters for reports on progress at the next available Meeting.

I. Lighting of the Town Clock.

2. Relief Scheme.

3. Painting of Charleton Hill Houses.

4. Footpath at Ard-na-Greine.

5. Roadway at Cross Lane Housing Scheme.

SEWER AT BARRACK LANE.

Replying to a discussion the County Manager informed the Council that he had made an order to have the old box-sewer replaced by a new pipe-sewer, cost not to exceed £I00.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that two dwelling houses and out-offices occupied by Laurence Barron and James Cody, Upper Mary Street, are now the property of the Council as advised by the Council's Solicitors. The property fell to the Council by reason of the lapse of the title of the Howlett Estate.

HOUSE AT CHARLETON HILL OCCUPIED BY PATRICK SHANNON.

The County Manager informed the Council of the legal position of the matter and suggested that the Council might give him some idea of their attitude so as to guide him in the further process of the matter.

Seceral of the Councillors suggested that the tenant be not disturbed as the occupation of the former tenant was continued by the son's residence in the house and that this action would not be contrary to the ordinary proceedure of the Council.

A letter was read from Mr. J.A. Nix, New Ross, advocation the changing of the weekly half-holiday from Wednesday to Thursday so as to prevent local traders from losing business by reason of shopping in other centres on that day.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor
That the letter be referred to the Chamber of Commerce, New Ross.

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THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I8th DAY OF MAY I948

A Special Meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was called for this evening in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock to make the rate for the services of the financial year ending on the 3Ist day of March I949, pursuant to the Acts and Orders enabling.

At 7.30 there was no attendance

at 7.35 no attendance

at 8 o'clock no attendance

at 8.I5 same

and at 8.30 the Meeting was postponed by the Clerk to Tuesday the 25th day of May I948 at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

TUESDAY 25th DAY OF MAY I948

An adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to make the rate for the services if the financial year ending on the 3Ist day of March I949.

Present :- Mr. T. Clerkin, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Lalor, and Messrs T. Redmond, J. Doyle, W. Ronan, J. Shannon and M. Dunphy.

The County Manager and County Engineer as Town Surveyo

MAKING THE RATE.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond

Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

The Resolution raising a Municipal Rate of 27/- in the £ was adopted.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle

Seconded by Mr. Ronan

The Resolution making a Municipal Rate of £I. 7. 0 was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon

Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

The Seal of the Council was embossed on the several

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Resolutions aforesaid and on the Warrants to collect and levy the Rate.

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TUESDAY THE 8th DAY OF JUNE I948

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Messrs T. Clerkin, Presiding, Mrs. Lalor, Messrs W. Ronan, T. Redmond, J. Shannon and the County Manager.

The Minutes of the previous Meetings were read and confirmed including the Minutes of the Special Meetings making the Rate).

Arising out of the Minutes :-

EMPLOYMENT AT RIVER BANK.

The Chairman stated that the Minute herein was not complete and he would like to add to it that (I) the Minister be asked to inform the Council of the numbers employed on the work at the river banks, (2) the areas drawn from, (3) the number recruited on the spot (4) why they were recruited on the spot instead of through the usual channels and (5) why the services of the Ross men were dispensed with.

On the motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

This was agreed to.

LIGHTING OF TOWN CLOCK, ETC.

Chairman said that he had expressed his intention at a former Meeting to retire from this Meeting unless he was satisfied that the five matters to which he drew attention at last Meeting were receiving the attention they deserved. He would like to be informed of what had been done about them. The matters were :-

Lighting of the Town Clock.
Relief Scheme.
Painting of Charletom Hill houses.
Footpath at Ard-na-Greine.
Roadway outside Cross Lane Houses.
Sanitation.

The County Manager gave details of the progress of the works.

Adjourned.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Referring to the acquisition by the Council of the properties in the occupation of James Coady and Laurence Barron, Upper Mary Street, New Ross, the County Manager intimated that the question of disposal was a matter for the Council. The Council's Surveyor with himself and the Town Clerk inspected the premises recently. Mr. Doris was satisfied that Coady's house could be made comfortable at a reasonable expense but Barron's house would be very costly.

The Council decided to consider the matter at next Meeting and in the meantime requested a full report and recommendation of the County Manager.

SEWERS AT BARRACK LANE AND LADY LANE.

Replying to Mr. Clerkin the Town Clerk stated that reconstruction work had not started on these sewers pending the decision of the Council's Consultant, Mr. O'Connor, so as to conform with the comprehensive town scheme prepared by him. The Engineer expected Mr. O'Connor's recommendation by the end of the week.

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HOUSING

The County Manager intimated that he had visited the site in Irishtown mentioned by the Council at former Meetings and was impressed by the situation of the site opposite the Market Cross on the South Side. He considered that eight houses could be built there on the Wexford type plan for under £900 per house.

On the motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

It was agreed to consider the proposition of building eight houses on Irishtown - scheme and plan to be presented at next Council Meeting.

CHARLETON HILL NEW HOUSING SCHEME

Replying to the Chairman the County Manager stated that if the completion of this Housing Scheme was to be undertaken by direct labour an Engineer should be appointed to supervise the work constantly in order to keep within the figure mentioned by him at the last Meeting. He was unable to find such a man up to the present.

On the Motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

It was decided to postpone consideration pending a decision on the Irishtown Housing Scheme but subject to a scheme being decided on in time to avail of the Transition Fund.

RELIEF SCHEME, I947/48.

The County Manager stated that progress of this work was very slow and that the result of his investigation into the entire position was not satisfactory.

It was decided to postpone consideration to the next Meeting so as to enable the District Engineer to be present.

OLD QUARRY AT WINDMILL LANE.

Mr. Ronan submitted that this old Dump was very unsightly and that something should be done to clear and level it. He proposed that the County Manager submit an estimate for the cleaning of the site.

Agreed.

ROAD AT CROSS LANE.

Arising out of a discussion on the cost of cleaning and resurfacing this road

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

It was decided to ask the County Manager to have the work done and that he obtain from the Engineer the approximate cost of the work.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Lalor again drew attention to the dangerous gate in Charleton Hill.

Mr. Shannon drew attention to the fact that the extra wiret for electric lighting had not been provided in Charleton Hill.

The Town Clerk stated that he asked Mr. Coffey to provide the

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wire some months ago and had issued the necessary instructions to have the gate removed.

Referred to County Manager.

SEAT ON QUAY.

Mr. Redmond asked if one of the seats on the far end of the Quay had been removed. In his opinion the seat was very convenient and used very often. Mr. Shannon said he understood that the seat was damaged and the timber taken away.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Manager and to replace this seat by one in the Large Room of the Tholsel.

RESOLUTION FROM LISTOWEL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

RELIEF OF LOCAL RATE.

The Resolution from this Council urging the Government to contribute to the relief of Urban Districts so as to help them to carry on was read.

On the motion of Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Shannon

It was proposed :-

"That the Resolution be marked read on the ground that it did not specify the ways and means and for what purpose the Government was asked to contribute to our assistance."

Proposed by the Chair

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"That the Resolution be adopted."

The motion was declared adopted.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitors arranging Thursday the 10th June 1948 at 7.30 o'clock to meet the Council's Bye-Laws Committee.

It was decided that the Town Clerk make arrangements for the Meeting of the Committee and to inform Mr. Colfer.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Mrs. Lalor drew attention to the peculiar circumstance that ashbins were never collected in Irishtown. This locality appeared to be ostracised. She was informed that there was a dustbin immediately on the Irishtown side of the Fairgate and that the Council's cart passed it by.

Referred to the County Manager.

NEW ROSS GUIDE BOOK

Letters were read from Aidan Smith, Gurmsby, and Leslie Procter of Rossendale, Lancashire, asking to be provided with a copy of a Guide Book to New Ross Town, On the County Manager's suggestion

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it was decided to ask Mr. Patrick Donovan, Rosbercon, to interest himself in the matter with the Irish Tourist Board.

'98 CELEBRATIONS AT VINEGAR HILL.

A letter addressed to the late Mr. P.N. O'Gorman was read from Mr. Maher, Hugginstown, Knocktopher, Secretary to the local Band, asking if they would be admitted to the Celebrations on the 20th instant.

It was decided to get into communication with the Town Clerk of Enniscorthy by'phone asking him to reply to the communication.

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Report from Mr. R.M. Barragry dated 30th April, I948, for the year ended 3Ist March, I947, was read.

Receipts totalled £I7558. I0. I0. Expenditure £I928I. 0. 9 against Receipts for the previous year £I8257. I8. I and Expenditure £I8I94. I7. 3. The decrease in the receipts is accounted for by reduction in Government Grants of £II49. I4. 2. Water Undertaking £97. I5. 4. Weighbridge Tolls £I9. I5. I0. The upward movement in Expenditure occurs under the headings by

Housing Maintenance and repairs	£92I. 0. 0
Town Hall Expemses	280. 0. 0
Salaries, Poundage, etc.	I8I. 0. 0
Retiring Allowance and Gratuities	263. 0. 0
Insurances	I2. 0. 0
Office Expenses	8. 0. 0

The favourable balance of the Council's Accounts decreased by £I722.

The rates in the pound were Town Rate II/9 as against 9/5 last year. The Poor Rate II/3 as against 9/5. Total 24/6 against 20/4. The total warrant for I946/47 was £I076I. I2. 9 as against £9246.I3. 3 the prior year.

The irrecoverable arrears for the year in review were £292. 8. 2 against £265. 5. 2 the prior year. The rate collected represent 93% as compared with 93.6% the prior year and 93.3 for I944/45.

The Rent Collection. Total for collection £3575. 3. I of which arrears brought in amounted to £I2I. 2. II. The arrears at the end of the year were £I6I. 9. 3 and £27. 5. I0 was written off as bad debts. The collection represented 94.7 % as against 94.9% for the previous year.

On the motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The report was adopted and the Abstract of Accounts was taken as read.

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FRIDAY THE 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 1948.

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this evening at 7.30 o'clock pursuant to the resolution of the Council fixing same.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman, presiding. Mrs. Lalor Messrs M. Dunphy, J. Shannon, W. Ronan, J. Doyle and T. Redmond.

The County Manager was present.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and signed.

The Chairman at the onset reviewed the work of the past year. Whilst in the Chair he did his best to have certain things done. He could not claim to have succeeded. He had decided to relinquish the Chair. His decision was duly considered and irrecovable.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

"That Mr. Thomas Clarkin be re-elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year".

All the members pressed Mr. Clarkin to continue in office. Having thanked the Council Mr. Clarkin refused the honour.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

"That Mr. Thomas Redmond be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year".

Mr. Redmond intimated that he regretted he could not accept the office.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. M. Dunphy

"That Mrs. Bridget Lalor be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year".

Voting:

For:- Messrs J. Shannon, M. Dunphy, the Chair and Mrs. Lalor.

Against:- Messrs T. Redmond, W. Ronan and J. Doyle.

The Chairman declared Mrs. Lalor duly elected.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Dunphy refused to allow his name to go forward.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, Mr. William Ronan was declared elected nem con.

ST. STEPHENS CEMETARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Moved by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Ronan were elected

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ronan Mr. Doyle was elected.

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County Manager intervened to state that the Committee elected last year had very few meetings. This Committee should visit the Cemetary and meet regularly to advise him of their requirements.

It was decided that the Committee should meet at 7 o'Clock on I3th July, I948 to make all necessary arrangements for regular meetings.

Mrs. Lalor took the Chair.

WATERWORKS.

County Manager detailed the work at present in commission to deal with the Public Water Supply. The Council's Consultant, Mr. O'Connor advised the employment of the services of an official of the Dublin Corporation to ascertain the leakage of water in the urban area and others outside the area supplied from the service. A Department Engineer had interviewed him in Wexford on to-day and again visited New Ross for the purpose of investigating the position with a view to advising the Ministry on the Council's proposals for an enhanced Water Supply. All the Officers of the Council were present.

Manager then read correspondence with the Department.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by the Chairman

"That a deputation from the Council wait on the Department to put the Council's views of the necessity for immediate action to provide an adequate supply immediately and especially considering that Sanitation and Housing might be delayed owing to a deficient water supply".

Moved by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan,

"That consideration of the motion be deferred to next Meeting."

Agreed.

HOUSING

8 Houses in Irishtown.

County Manager informed the Meeting that plans were ready and would be submitted to next Council Meeting hereunder. He would also, he hoped, be able to put a reasonable tender before the Council for the work.

Adjourned.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman signed the Declaration accepting office before the Town Clerk who duly witnessed the signatures.

The Chairman having duly thanked the Council for her election.

B. Lalor
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TUESDAY THE I3TH DAY OF JULY, I948.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present: Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding. Messrs T. Clarkin, W. Ronan, T. Redmond, J. Doyle and M. Dunphy.

Mr. McDermot for the County Manager and Mr. Doris, County Engineer and Town Surveyor were present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

EMPLOYMENT AT RIVER BANKS.

The Town Clerk intimated that no reply had been received from the Department concerned.

Decided that the Department be asked for a reply.

LIGHTING OF TOWN CLOCK.

A letter dated 9th July, I948 was read from the Electricity Supply Board that this matter would be investigated within the course of a few days.

Adjourned.

I946/'47 RELIEF SCHEME.

The County Secretary, acting for the County Manager informed the Council that with the consent of the County Manager Mr. Buckley, District Engineer was absent from the Meeting.

The County Secretary then read the County Manager's notes on this subject as follows :-

I. This grant was notified ina a letter from the Department of Local Government dated 28th May, I947. He (Manager) made an order on I0th June, I947 that the Council's three schemes be tentatively considered.

2. There was a letter from Local Government Department dated October 22nd on which it appeared that the plan for the Windmill Lane Scheme had been forwarded by Mr. Buckley.

3. A letter of 4th December, I947 indicated that they were in correspondence with Mr. Buckley.

The Manager himself was absent from January to May the I3th.

Moved by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

It was decided on Mr. Clarkin's suggestion to adjourn consideration to the October Meeting.

PAINTING OF CHARLETON HILL HOUSES.

The Town Clerk intimated that the requisite materials had reached the Tholsel to-day and that their work would commence within a week.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

A letter was read from Mr. Laurence Barron who occupies a house in Mary Street let to the County Council as a dispensary that he is an inhabitant of the house for fifty five years and that as the house has

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now become the property of the Urban Council he would like to buy it. The house is in a very bad condition and is not capable of reasonable repair at a reasonable outlay. The officials of the Council who visited him gave him this information. He offered a sum of £20 for the Council's interest in the premises.

A letter was read from Mr. James Coady, a tenant of the adjoining house to Mr. Barron who has occupied the house for sixty six years and he wishes to purchase it. A new roof is wanted and sanitary conveniences. He would ask the Council to give the house to him as cheaply as they can.

It was decided to ask Mr. Coady for an offer and that consideration be deferred.

HOUSING - IRISHTOWN SCHEME (6 HOUSES)

Mr. Doris, County Engineer informed the Meeting that plans had been prepared and that they were gone to the Department ere yesterday. The Department were prepared, he understood, to approve of the County Council plan. The cost would be about £I,I00.

It was decided to employ direct labour on this housing scheme.

WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY.

A letter dated 9th July, 1948 was read from Mr. J.A. Nix, New Ross setting out the reasons why the weekly half-holiday had been fixed for Wednesday. A memorial was read from the traders etc. of New Ross petitioning the Council to make an order changing the half-holiday to Thursday. The memorial showed a five to one majority in favour of the change.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had been in communication with the Council's Solicitors by 'phone on receipt of the memorial and that the Solicitors had advised that it would be necessary to revoke the original order. The Clerk said he was not in a position to advise the Council whether there should be a majority of the business people of the town or of the inhabitants of the town.

On the Chairman's suggestion

It was decided to give public notice of the Council's intention to revoke the order so as to enable the people of the town to inform the Council if they desired a change or otherwise.

CHANGING OF DATE OF MONTHLY MEETING.

Mr. Clarkin gave notice to move or cause to be moved for him at the next available Meeting that the Monthly Meeting of the Council be changed to the third Tuesday of the month.

SCAVENGING.

A letter was read from Mr. Clarkin that Michael Street was badly cleansed.

The Town Clerk intimated that owing to the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Canon Coughlan, P.P. Rosbercon the men were deployed on the few days mentioned and that the work was thereby postponed. Rosbercon Hill and the environs of the Church required immediate attention.

Accepted.

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COUNTY MANAGERS' ORDERS.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by the Chair

It was decided that the Manager's Orders eventhough loose and not capable of being typed ahould be on the table for future meetings.

Agreed.

WATER ANALYSIS.

Moved by Mr. Doyle,
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin

It was decided that a copy of the Analysis of the Town Water Supply be submitted at the next Meeting.

O'HANRAHAN MEMORIAL.

A letter dated I0th June, I948 was read from the Honorary Secretary of this Committee inviting the Council to officially take part in the Celebration Ceremony to the memory of the late Michael O'Hanrahan who was executed in I9I6. The date of the ceremony was provisionally fixed for the Ist August, I948.

The Chairman said that many Members of the Council would be present in other sections of the procession. The Members of the Council who were not present in any other capacity could attend if they wished.

A letter dated 26th June, I948 was read from the Honorary Secretary applying for permission to erect a plaque on the Tholsel to the memory of Michael O'Hanrahan

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin

It was decided to grant the necessary permission on the understanding that the Members of the Memorial Committee would consult with the Town Surveyor as to the suitability of the position required.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYE-LAWS.

A letter L.I823/46 was read from the Department of Local Government enquiring if Draft Bye-Laws had yet been prepared for submission to the Department.

Mr. Doyle stated he attended the Conferences in the Solicitors Office and that subject to the attendance of the necessary officials the Draft Bye-Laws would not be much longer delayed.

Adjourned.

NEW ROSS GUIDE BOOK.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donovan, Rosbercon, New Ross dated 29th June, I948 that he will go into this matter with the Irish Tourist Board without delay and will communicate results.

A letter was read from Edward J. Burrow & Co., Ltd. Cheltenham dated 22nd June, I948 asking the permission of the Council to let them produce this guide book at no expense whatever to the Council and that they were prepared to execute the work in a worthy manner. Their General Manager would call and discuss the work without obligation.

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RENT RESTRICTIONS ACT 1946.

A letter was read from the Galway County Council informing that the above Resolution was adopted by the Galway Council at a Meeting held on the 26th ultimo.

RESOLUTIONS FROM PUBLIC BODIES.

Kilkenny Corporation.

On the motion of Mr. Doyle
Seconded by the Chair,

It was agreed to adjourn this resolution which requested the Government to grant immediate increases to all Civil Servants and other State Pensioners including pensioners of the teaching profession.

Mr. Clarkin objected to the statement that a teacher was a state pensioner.

Galway Borough Council.

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin

This Resolution that the cost of providing houses which is at present borne by housing authorities be made a national charge was agreed.

Castleblayney Urban Council.

Moved by Mr. Doyle,
Seconded by the Chair,

That the Resolution requesting the Government to make available for the maintenance of Urban Roads, Grants similar to those which have been made available to County Councils for County Roads be adjourned.

Agreed.

PAINTING WORKS AT CHARLETON HILL.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy,

It was decided to recommend the County Manager to give preference to married men for the work.

Agreed.

SANITATION.

Mr. Clarkin drew attention to this matter. It was one of the main planks of their organization when seeking election and he could see no reason for the delay.

Adjourned.

THE MEETING ENDED.

Chairman B. Lalor

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TUESDAY 10th DAY OF AUGUST, 1948.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock, to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT :- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, Presiding, Messrs T. Redmond, W. Ronan, T. Clerkin, M. Dunphy and the County Manager.

Mr. Ronan objected to the Minute that the Council has decided to erect six houses in Irishtown by direct labour. In his opinion no decision was arrived at.

Mr. Redmond gave his opinion that there was such a decision and that it was given because the Council did not want any further delay in the erection of these houses.

WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY

The Clerk stated that after consultation with the County Manager the Council's Solicitors advice was asked as to the standing of the Council in the matter.

By a letter dated 10th August 1948, the Council's Solicitors advised the Council that they had no say in the matter at all.

WIRING HOUSES IN CHARLETON HILL.

A letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board dated 13th July 1948, that before they could give any estimate of the cost of the wire required they should be supplied with the following information :-

(a) the number of houses that would take the supply and

(b) If the Council would carry on internal wiring of the houses.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Clerkin

"That the motion be adjourned to find out if the installation was required by the tenants."

Agreed.

LIGHTING OF OLD CHARLETON HILL.

Proposed by Mr, Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That the Electricity Supply Board be asked to supply an estimate for the provision of the light between the Three Bullet Gate and the Hospital."

Agreed.

SANITATION.

Mr. Clerkin drew attention to the sewer in Wexford Street. The surface water was stagnant in a pool. Wexford Street was not cleansed regularly.

Referred to the County Manager.

Mr. Clerkin again referred to the instructions of the Council to inspect and report if proper sanitary accommodation has been provided in the houses occupied by Miss Agnes Grace, Mrs. Rossiter and

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and James Clegg, all of Neville Street.

Referred to County Manager for report for next Meeting.

CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

Mr. Clerkin moved his motion "That the Monthly Meeting of the Council be changed from the second to the third Tuesday of the month."

It was seconded by Mrs. Lalor and agreed.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS.

A letter was read from the Department of Health requesting that the Council inform them if draft bye-laws had yet been prepared.

Mr. Clerkin said that as he understood the matter of the whole of the bye-laws were now ready for submission to the Council but in certain matters the attendance of the Council's expert officials was required.

It was decided that the Engineer, Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector be asked to attend the conference with the Solicitors to be arranged for September next.

EMBANKMENT AT MARSH MEADOWS.

The Town Clerk read his letter to the Department of Lands dated 23rd June I948, requesting the Department to furnish

I. The number of persons employed on the banks

2. The areas drawn from

3. The number recruited on the spot

4. Why they were recruited on the spot instead of through the usual channels.

5. Why the services of the New Ross men were dispensed with.

A letter was read from the Department of Lands dated I4th July I948, in reply that twenty six men and two gangers were employed on the work at present. Six are from the town of New Ross and the remainder from the locality in the neighbourhood. Six of the letter were transferred for night work on the Analy Estate and five that had been employed on similar work were recalled. The balance were recruited at various dates, seven of whom were registered at the Local Employment Exchange.

A governing factor was the suitability of the men for the work and their Inspector had discression. The New Ross men as well as others were laid off at certain times owing to the fluctuation of the work, some of whom left of their own accord.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

"That the Council proceed to the next business."

Agreed.

HARBOUR BOARD - SELECTED MEMBER.

On the motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ronan
It was agreed to ask Mr. P.J. Fleming to replace the

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Council Member disqualified by absence on this Board.

HOUSING

ERECTION OF SIX SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES AT IRISHTOWN.

A letter dated 4th August 1948, was read from the County Engineer enclosing Specification and drawings for this Scheme.

There was a lengthy discussion as to whether the houses be built by contract or direct labour.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

"That the erection of the houses be advertised to enable Comtractors an opportunity of tendering for same."

Proposed by Mr. Clerkin
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That the erection of the houses be undertaken by direct labour."

The voting resulted :-

On direct labour

For: Messrs Redmond and Clerkin

Against: The Chairman and Messrs Ronan and Dunphy.

The original motion having been put was declared passed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

Moved by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

A vote of condolence to Mrs. O'Connor and the relatives of the late Mr. Denis J. O'Connor, Journalist, on his recent demise.

Mrs. Lalor paid a tribute to his arduous work as a Journalist and particularly in connection with the New Ross Urban District Council.

The County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy.

The motion was passed all the Members standing.

CORPORATE ESTATE

WINDMILL LANE PLOT OF GROUND.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

The Memorial and Conveyance of this plot was duly signed by the County Manager, and the Chairman of the Council and was also duly sealed.

PROPOSED SALE OF HOUSE TO LAURENCE BARRON AND JAMES COADY.

Offers to purchase these houses were received from above occupiers in the sum of £20 each house.

Having considered the Engineer's Reports that the houses would be very

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costly to repair

Proposed by the Chairman

Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to accept the offers of £20 for each house subject to the tenants contimuing to pay the Head Rent. The Council's Solicitors to be instructed in the matter.

PAINTING OF CHARLETON HILL HOUSES.

Several Members complained of the delay in acrrying out this work. Nothing so far as they could ascertain had been done except the erection of a scaffolding which appeared to be unnecessary.

Referred to County Manager.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSES

The Chairman drew attention to the necessity for a screened wall at William Street end of the new concrete road to these houses to protect the privacy of the tenants.

Referred to County Manager.

RENT COLLECTION.

Arising out of a statement by Mr. Dunphy that rent was being accepted from sub-tenants in the Council's houses

it was decided to request the County Manager to have the matter investigated and a report sent to the Council.

ROADS - HIGH HILL.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the ravelled condition of the surface of the hill.

Referred to County Manager.

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TUESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 1948.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT:- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, Presiding, and Messrs T. Redmond, S. Doyle, T. Clerkin and the County Manager with the Engineer.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

MR. MICHAEL DUNPHY, HIGH HILL.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Clerkin

"That the sympathy of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Mr. Michael Dunphy - father of Councillor M. Dunphy - in their recent bereavement and that the Meeting adjourn for one week as a mark of respect to his memory without transacting any business."

The County Manager and all the Councillors present having spoken

The Motion was passed all Members standing.

VERY REV. PATRICK CANON PARKER, P.P., CUSHENSTOWN

Proposed by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

a Resolution was unanimously passed tendering sympathy to the Lord Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and the relatives of the late Canon Parker on his recent demise.

The County Manager associated himself with the motion and

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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TUESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 1948

An Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, Messrs S. Doyle, T. Clerkin, T. Redmond, M. Dunphy and J. Shannon.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

The Lord Bishop of Ferna, Mrs. O'Connor, Robert Street, and the Dunphy family, High Hill, wrote acknowledging the Council's votes of sympathy in their recent bereavements.

HARBOUR BOARD REPRESENTATIVE.

The approval of the Department to the appointment of Mr. P.J. Fleming was read.

HOUSING

Bills of Quantities.

The Quantity Surveyor, Mr. Hylan, Dublin, submitted a bill for £5I9. 7. 8 in connection with the 49 houses at Charleton Hill.

It was decided to obtain an overdraft on Capital Account and to pay the bill thereout.

ERECTION OF 6 HOUSES AT IRISHTOWN.

Tender for ~~£II758~~ £1158 8d. or £II93 per house was received from Messrs Ryan Bros. and Mr. J. Clancy, Waterford submitted a tender for £82II or £I368 per house.

The Engineer considered £II93 per house too high for a six house group per house. He would not recommend that the work be carried out by direct labour.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by the Chairman

That the lower tender be accepted.

The voting resulted as follows :-

For : The Chairman and Mr, Dunphy.

Against: Messrs Redmond, Doyle, Clerkin and Shannon.

Proposed by Mr. Clerkin
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

That the houses be erected by direct labour.

By a similar vote to above it was decided to erect the six houses in Irishtown by direct labour.

TOWN WALL HOUSES

Mr. Redmond suggested that paint work be carried out on the eight houses at Town Wall.

Mr. Doyle suggested that the Council should sell these houses

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Referred to County Manager.

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PAINTING OF CHARLETON HILL HOUSES

A report dated I6th August I948 was read from the Acting County Engineer expressing satisfaction with the men engaged under the direct labour system in the painting of the above houses and that the work was being performed without any aparent idling on the part of the men.

No order.

RENTS OF ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS

Miss Finn, Rent Collector under date 2Ist September I948 reported that she has not at any time collected rent from sub-tenants.

Mr. Dunphy referred to a tenant who went away and whose brother was in the house which was not advertised. The County Manager informed the Council that Miss Finn was from the town and should be aware if someone was paing rent for a house that should not be paying.

Mr. Dunphy also referred to the appointment of tenants to vacant houses without having the letting advertised.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that so far as she was aware the vacancies were always advertised unless there is a transfer of tenancy to relatives living in the house which is a very old system with the Council.

EVICTION OF MRS. JOHANNA ROCHE.

Mr. Clerkin intimated that he wished to be satisfied that Mrs. Roche was informed by the office that unless she accepted the offer of the tenancy of No. I Follyhouse Lane that she would not get the house after vacating the Charleton Hill House.

The County Manager informed the Council that Mrs. Roche had received every consideration and he considered there should be no grievence in the matter.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that the Town Clerk informed Mrs. Roche that the house in Follyhouse Lane would not be available to her after she refused it and that the house would be advertised.

Mr. Redmond moved that the Council proceed to the next business. In his opinion this matter was decided long since.

Agreed.

REPAIRS TO NEW ROSS POUND.

Referring back to his report of the 26th September I947 the County Registrar reminded the Council that the Pound was in a shocking state and required a new shed, a rack for hay, water laid on, a trough provided and the boundary wall repaired as necessary to the upkeep of the pound.

The County Manager informed the Council that they were obliged by law to provide and maintain a pound.

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Workers Union applying for increase of wages amounting to II/- per week to Members of the Scavenging staff.

Proposed by Mr. Clerkin
Seconded by the Chairman

It was decided to grant the increase and to make provision in next years estimate.

RESOLUTION FROM OTHER BODIES

Thurles Urban District Council

This resolution that the Minister be requested to amend legislation to permit the payment of the higher subsidy for all houses erected by local authorities was marked "read".

Cashel Urban District Council

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The resolution protesting against the New Licensing Bill at present before the Dail was adopted.

Galway Urban District Council

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Shannon

The resolution asking for representations to the Government to relieve the present heavy burden of rates particularly in the Urban areas was adopted.

PUBLIC HEALTH

County Manager informed the Meeting that he had received a communication from the Tottenham Estate dated 21st September, 1948 confirming that a w.c. was installed at Clegg's of Neville Street and that like work has been started at Miss Grace's of Neville Street and that both jobs would be completed forthwith.

In the case of Mrs. Rossiter, Neville Street the estate considered that there were a number of more urgent cases which must be attended to first as Mrs. Rossiter is an elderly woman living alone and that a house containing a large and young family should get first preference.

Mr. Clerkin suggested that the estate be pressed to have the w.c. installed in house occupied by Mrs. Rossiter.

Referred to County Manager.

STREETS- HIGH HILL

The County Manager submitted report received from the County Engineer that from inspection the surface of this hill is poor but at the same time it should do another season. The hand-rails are badly broken in many places and he recommended that they be repaired. The Council

The Council recommended that the railings be restored.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED

Chairman William B Ronan

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TUESDAY 19th OCTOBER 1948

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock, to transact the ordinary business of the Council pursuant to the law duly enabling.

PRESENT:- Messrs. W. Ronan, T. Redmond, J. Shannon and M. Dunphy.

The County Manager also attended.

Town Clerk having intimated that the Chairman, Mrs. Lalor, had communicated to him that she was unable to be present owing to illness, Mr. Ronan, Vice-Chairman presided.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated 16th September 1948 was read from Bord Solathair an Leictreachais that "We regret that Public Lighting brackets are not at present available, and, in consequence, a quotation cannot be issued for the proposed lighting" - "between the Three Bullet Gate and the District Hospital New Ross." As soon as delivery of the necessary materials is effected the matter will receive the Bord's attention.

Memorial dated 11th October, 1948 was read from the residents of Abbey Hall, New Ross applying "for the fitting up of a light to the entrance to Abbey Hall".

Town Clerk intimated that the Council at its Budget Meeting made provision for the public lighting of the town on a tender from the Electricity Supply Board. A contract was thereby created and it is a yearly contract. Additional money would be required for the present application and the consent of the Board was also required.

On the Motion of the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of the Memorial.

REPAIRS TO TOWN WALL HOUSES (8)

Report to the County Manager from the Assistant Engineer was submitted.

The County Manager explained that the money allocated for repairs £800 had been expended to £828.

Town Clerk intimated that the Council had reduced the County Manager's estimate by £200 on his Budget Estimate.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That consideration be deferred to next Estimates.
AGREED.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSES - PRIVACY WALLS

Report to County Manager by the Assistant Engineer dated 12th October 1948 was read in which the Engineer submitted that due to the

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houses being built on rapidly rising ground a screening wall would require to be of unusual height - nine feet in places - which would be unsightly and entail a heavy expense. He suggested a screening hedge of the thorn family with a mixture of holly and privet subject to an opinion from the Department of Forrestry.

Moved by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to recommend the adoption of the hedge screen to the County Manager.

WATERWORKS

The County Manager submitted a letter dated 16th October 1948 directed to the Assistant Engineer from Messrs. B.J. Roantree Dundrum Dublin that they "can arrange to let you have about 560 yds. of these Class D, B.S.S., pipes @ 17/9 per yd. F.O.R. Dublin, but should you desire to avail of this lot kindly let me have your acceptance by return of post; this is necessary since I am expecting shipping advice at any moment and immediate arrangements will have to be made for the disposal of the 560 yds."

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Shannon

The County Manager was directed to accept the offer.

RENTS OF ARTIZANS DWELLINGS PAID BY PROXY

In accordance with the County Manager's orders the Rent Collector reported hereunder that on revising the Franchise Lists she learned that James Monahan No. 34 J.K.L.has gone to England. His brother hasalso gone and lodgers are in the house.

County Manager informed the Council that he had made an Order for Notice to Quit.

Miss Finn also reported that Madeline Hunt 47 J.K.L is in England and she was informed she was returning at the end of the month - the rent is being paid by the niece.Bridget Doherty 2 Cross Lane is in England. Her brother and family who have resided with her are in occupation of the house. William Ryan, 22 Town Wall, and his wife are both in England, the latters mother, who is looking after the family, pays the rent.

No Order.

HOUSING
SECTION 5 Housing Labourers Act 1937 as amended.

Memorandum and questionaire relative having been read

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Shannon

It was decided to adjourn consideration.

PURCHASE OF STOCKS & SHARES

Letter dated 6th October 1948 was read from Stockbrokers - Messrs. Goodbody & Webb that they purchased £200 3% Redemable Debenture Stock in Coras Iompair Eireann and shortly afterwards the seller of £50 died. Transfers for £150 stock were enclosed for completion.

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Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Shannon

That the Transfers Deeds be duly completed and a sum of £27. 3. 6. forwarded to settle the account.

The Deeds were then duly sealed and witnessed.

HOUSING PROGRAMME

The County Manager explained the contents of this circular No. H.56/1948 dated 18th October 1948

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to appoint a Committee of the whole Council to meet on next Wednesday at 3 o'clock p.m. in the Tholsel, and with the Engineer to proceed thence to inspect and report on houses that can be rendered fit for human habitation at reasonable expense and to probe the possibility of acquiring such houses reasonably with a view to making provision for small families and those intending to get married and the newly-weds.

BARRACK LANE SEWER

County Manager informed the Council that due to pressure he had made an order that the sewer in this lane be relaid and form part of the general Sewer Scheme inaugurated by the Council in consultation with Mr. O'Connor of Dublin.

AGREED.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1949/50

Circular RU/215/2 dated 15 Deireadh Fomhair 1948 having been read the County Manager intimated he had made a tour of the town with a view to assisting the Council in formulating a scheme to be presented to the Department within the next eight days. He submitted the following as a result -

1. Devote the lot to the Showgrounds towards the completion of a Public Park or
2. Clear and level plant with shrubs and seating accomodation on plot situate opposite the Ard Na Griene houses and

3. Reconstruct the paths to Ard Na Griene and J.K.L. Place in macadam or

4. Devote the Grant etc. towards the reconstructing of the road from Three Bullet Gate to the Hospitals.

He Manager had inspected other potential expenditure for the Grant but was satisfied with above selection.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

That the Grant and Council's Contribution be expended as follows -

(a) Reconstruct footpath to the Ard Na Griene and J.K.L. Houses.

(b) Clear, level, plant and seat the vacant plot at Windmill Lane.

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(c) Reconstruct ground fronting the Council's cottages in Cross Lane.

(d) Clear and level and seat the plot known formerly as the Rookery and

(e) Construct a loading bank in the Fair Green.

AGREED.

CHANGING DISTRICT JUSTICES' COURT TO WEXFORD

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Shannon

It was agreed to write the Minister for Justice that the Council after due and mature consideration of all the factors emphatically protest on their own behalf and as the elected representatives of the people of New Ross against the removal of the Court of the District Justice to Wexford as unwarranted and detrimental to the interests of the town and and puerile in its conception. The Courthouse compares favourably with any other and the dictatorial attitude of the Court is repugnant to the tenets of democracy.

THE MEETING ENDED

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WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER, 1948

A Meeting of the Committee of the Council appointed to inspect and report on houses in the town which could be rendered fit for human habitation at reasonable expenditure and with a view to their acquisition by the Council, was held this evening at 3.30 o'clock.

PRESENT: Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding and Messrs. T. Redmond and W. Ronan and the Engineer.

Clerk intimated that he receivd a 'phone message from Mr. Dunphy that he found it impossible to attend.

The Committee inspected several houses in Irishtown, Bullawn etc. and all the derelict sites in Irishtown, Bullawn, Haughton Place and Bunneen and will make recommendations to next Council Meeting.

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TUESDAY I6th NOVEMBER I948

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, Messrs T. Redmond, W. Ronan and M. Dunphy.

The County Manager was represented by Mr. McDermot.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

A vote of sympathy was passed to Councillor J. Doyle, Rosbercon, on the tragic death of his uncle-in-law, Mr. Young of Waterford.

LIGHTING OF ABBEY HALL.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That the public light requested by the residents be provided."

A vote was taken on the Motion.

FOR :- Messrs Ronan, Redmond and Dunphy.

AGAINST:- The Chairman

Mr. Ronan explaining the matter stated that he was informed by an Official of the Electricity Supply Board that notwithstanding the Town Clerk's advice at the last Meeting it was only necessary for the Council to apply to the Electricity Supply Board to have the light provided. The cost would not be more than 30/-. It was not the first time that the Council arranged to provide matters of this kind.

Letter dated I5th November I948 was read from the Electricity Supply Board that they regretted it was impossible to tender for the lighting of Abbey Hall at present. If lighting brackets are available later they would quote for the lighting of this locality.

Notwithstanding the decision of the Council before the reading of this letter no action was taken on it.

VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL.

Chairman intimated that two seats on the Council were vacant. In her opinion co-options were now desirable. She suggested that Mr. Edward Kearns should be chosen to fill one of the seats. His grandfather was a member of the Council for many years.

The Town Clerk read the law governing this matter.

Mr. McDermot advised that it was not necessary, where the vacancy was over a considerable time, that the seat should be declared vacant.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was decided that the Clerk make all necessary arrangements

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to enable the Council to fill the two vacant seats on the Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS.

Letter dated I0th November I948 was read from the Council's Solicitors suggesting Tuesday the I6th November at 7.30 o'clock for the next sitting of the Committee of the Council in their offices.

Clerk informed the Council that he notified Mr. Colfer by'phone that as his date clashed with the Council Meeting he, Clerk, would ask the Council to fix another appointment.

The Chairman suggested that any appointment with the Solicitor should be contingent on the possibility of enacting a Bye-law which would ensure the successful prosecution of hawkers in the town.

Mr. McDermot on request stated that the Wexford Corporation had such a bye-law and it effectively worked. He suggested that the Clerk obtain a copy from the Town Clerk of the Wexford Corporation.

It was decided to communicate with the Town Clerk of Wexford on the subject and that the Council's Solicitors be so informed.

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT FOR URBAN AREAS.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to adopt this Resolution that all Agricultural land within Urban Areas be in a position to avail of the Agricultural Grant.

HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, I948.

Circular No. H.67/I948 dated I0th November I948 was read by the Chair from the Department of Local Government with the Memorandum C attached.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by the Chairman

It was decided to authorize the issue of an advertisement in the local Press drawing attention to the Grants payable under Section I4 of the Act.

HOUSING - IRISHTOWN SCHEME.

Clerk reported as follows :-

I. Sanction to the Council's application for an overdraft on Capital Account with the Council's Treasurers for Housing purposes pending receipt of Grant and Loan.

2. The appointment of James Sheridan, Dublin, as Clerk of Works on the Scheme and his acceptance of the position at the rate of £9. 8. 0 per week.

3. The Treasurer's decision to grant the overdraft of £3000.

4. Sanction to the erection of six houses by direct labour subject to submission of details of estimate of costs.

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5. The County Engineer's Estimate - including the Clerk of Works Fees - which worked out at £II50 per house.

It was decided to request the County Manager to have the erection proceeded with with the least possible delay.

WATERWORKS

Letter L.6295/2/48 dated 27th October I948 was read by the Chair from the Department of Local Government that having considered the reports from the Council's Consultants the following was recommended :-

(I) That the town should be carefully zoned and any necessary pipes and connections provided for this purpose.

(2) That a service reservoir of 500,000 gallons capacity would be provided close to the town at a level determined by the zoning of the town.

(3) That the 6" diameter main from Dranagh to Ballyleigh should be replaced or twinned by a new main of adequate size.

(4) That the 6" steel main should be replaced immediately.

(5) That provision should be made, if necessary, for temporary pumping from the service reservoir to the water tower.

(6) That provision be made for scraping the 7" diameter main from Ballyleigh to New Ross and for the replacement of any defective sections.

(7) That Rosbercon be supplied by a main laid along College Road from the new tank.

Town Clerk reported that the recommendations had been adopted by the County Manager and a copy of same was submitted to the Consultant and the County Engineer.

Letter was read from Consultant, Mr. T.J. O'Connor that he was preparing the necessary documents and submitting his report on the filter to the Department.

No reply had been received from the County Engineer.

URBAN BOUNDARIES EXTENSION.

Mr. McDermot intimated that the Wexford Corporation at last Meeting considered this matter and suggested to the County Council that arrangements might be made for the appointment of a Committee to discuss it generally. The County Council agreed to arrange for such a Committee and nominated four Members. He, Mr. McDermot suggested that the New Ross Urban Council should nominate two Members. The joint Committee of two Members from Wexford, New Ross and Enniscorthy and four from the County Council would meet onlu to discuss the question of extension in view of the restrictions on house building.

Clerk advised the Council that in his opinion Notice of Motion would be required.

It was decided to appoint the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman on the Committee.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

MR. LYNCH, VETERINARY INSPECTOR.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan
It was decided to recommend the County Manager to grant

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the maximum increase of 50% to Mr. Lynch as his salary does not exceed £75. and that the extra 10% date back to the Ist January 1947.

DERELICT SITE AT HAUGHTON PLACE.

Mr. Ronan drew attention tothis unsightly and dangerous wall bounding the property lately occupied by Miss O'Brien, Irishtown.

It was decided that Mr. Ronan ascertain if the Haughton Hospital would take over this site.

DERELICT SITES.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee appointed to inspect and report on all the derelict sites and houses capable of being taken over by the Council for the purpose of building and rendering the houses habitabl having been read

Mr. Ronan asked for the Engineer's Report.

Clerk having read the Resolution pointed out that the Committee and not the Engineer should report back. The Engineer had already reported.

Chairman agreed that the Committee should have reported back and that they should meet for that purpose as soon as possible.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 21st DAY OF DECEMBER 1948

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT: Messrs W.B. Ronan, T. Redmond, S. Doyle, T. Clerkin and The County Manager.

Clerk intimated that the Chairman was unavoidably absent in Dublin and desired him to communicate her very sincere wishes for a happy Christmas to the Council, the County Manager and the Council's staff.

Mr. Ronan, Vice Chairman, presided.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed and signed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Moved by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Clerkin a vote of condolence was passed to Dr. Kissane, Medical Officer of Health, New Ross, on the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. McGuire.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond a vote of condolence was passed to Mr. Gearon, (husband) and Mrs. Denis O'Connor (Mother) on the death of Mrs. Maureen Gearon, New Ross.

VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes, the Chairman expressed the opinion that it appeared not unreasonable to postpone new appointments to the Council pending the Local Elections which were due to be held not later than 1950 and might be held early in 1949. Nobody offered their services and the Council should leave the nominations to the people of the town.

All Councillors having expressed agreement

It was so decided.

OFFICIAL GUIDE TO NEW ROSS.

Letter dated 13th December 1948 was read from Edward Borrow & Co, Cheltenham, England, that they were prepared to undertake the publication of an Official Guide to the town free of cost to the Council and that they would supply about 1000 copies free for distribution.

County Manager suggested that as this firm would not undertake the work without a profit commensurate with the undertaking the Council should be able to get the guide issued locally. A small Committee of the townspeople might examine the question and interview local printers. They should make a nice prifit of it.

Councillors having examined samples of the production of Edw. J. Burrow

No action.

NAMING STREETS IN IRISH

Chairman drew attention to this matter. Several months ago the Council passed a resolution authorising the naming of the streets in

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the town in Irish and English. There is an absolute necessity for having this done now.

Referred to County Manager.

DERELICT SITE AT HAUGHTON PLACE.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that he was unable to meet the Haughton Hospital Governors in connection with this site but he would arrange to have a report for the Council by next Meeting.

HOUSING
APPLICATION FOR SITES

Letter dated 25th November 1948 was read from Messrs D. Bolger, Mary Street, William Browne, Cross Street, John Flanagan, Abbey View, and Thomas Murphy, Bewley Street, requesting the Council for the grant of a site within the Urban Area for the purpose of the erection of four dwellings houses. A sketch map of ~~four~~ three sites in the town selected by them and enclosed with their application showed the site required by them as (1) part of the Council's J.K.L. Scheme (2) part of the Charleton Hill Council Scheme (3) the filled in quarry at Windmill Lane.

The Town Clerk intimated that the application was addressed to the Chairman of the Council.

Mrs. Lalor considered the application having the assistance of Mr. Quigley B.E., who is acting for the Town Surveyor. She decided that it would not be possible to give any of the sites in view of the Council's decision to build on sites Nos. I and two.

A number of sites at present derelict in various parts of the town were examined and the Chairman undertook to interview Mr. Minihan, of Messrs Steele & Co, New Ross, in order to place the position before him for the applicants.

Clerk reported that he had heard nothing since.

Moved by Mr. Doyle
Seconded by Mr. Clerkin and adopted

"That the applicants be offered sites Nos I and 2 for the purpose of encouraging their enterprise in building houses for themselves and as an earnest of the Council's appreciation of individual effort to help the present housing shortage - provided the plan of the houses to be erected reasonably conforms with the existing scheme for the development of the said sites."

The County Manager agreed.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT COURT.

Letter 37/4/45 dated 30 Deire Fomhair, 1948 was read from the Office of the Minister for Justice, Dublin, acknowledging the Council's protest against the transfer of the District Court business from New Ross to Wexford.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was decided to request the decision of the Minister on this matter and to re-iterate the Council's former protest.

EXTENSION OF URBAN BOUNDARIES.

Clerk reported that the Council's nominees on this Committee was duly notifed to the Secretary, Wexford County Council and that no

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reply had been received.

County Manager intimated that the Council could take it that the Conference would be held in January next.

No order.

BYELAWS RE STREET TRADING (ACT I926)

Letter dated 23rd November I946 was read from the Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation, hereunder as follows :-

I. No Byelaws were made under this Act.

2. There were regulations made by the Minister for Justice under the I3th Section which could be obtained from the Stationery Office.

He enclosed :-

(a) Form of application for a Street Stall Traders Licence and

(b) Copy of licence for same.

Clerk reported and handed in copies of the Statutory Rules and Orders I93I No. 3 Street Trading (Wexford Urban District) Regulations I930, which set out the mode of applying for a licence &c., and again advised the Council to leave this matter in the hands of the Council's Solicitors who were engaged with a Committee of the Council in preparing Byelaws.

No action.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME

SIX HOUSES AT IRISHTOWN

The County Manager intimated that he had appointed Mr. J. Kehoe, Wexford, Clerk of works to this Scheme at £I0 per week. Mr. Kehoe had taken up duty last Saturday.

Chairman wished to be informed if any change had been made in the construction of those houses. He was told by a Building Contractor that there was a change at least in so far as that mass concrete had been substituted for concrete blocks. He was informed the Contractor would have tendered at £I000 per house in mass concrete against his tender of £II95 - concrete blocks. Mr. ~~Ryan~~ Ronan considered the Contractors should have been asked for the alternative construction before the County Manager embarked on doing this job by direct labour.

County Manager accepted the change over to mass concrete but stressed the necessity for immediate housing accommodation. The Contractor referred to had a scheme of houses for the Rural Area for two years and the immediate completion was doubtful. In the circumstances he had made his decision.

No order.

ECONOMIC RENT OR OTHERWISE.

Mr. Ronan suggested that these six houses should be let at an economic rent. It is time that provision be made for others than people in insanitary dwellings. He had representations made to him that it would be possible to find tenants who could pay their way.

The County Manager stated that delay in fixing whether the houses would be let at an economic rent - which he estimated at 20/- per week plus rates- or otherwise- which he estimated at I0/6 per week-would not effect the erection of the houses and suggested that

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a decision be adjourned.

Agreed.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS

Long letter P.L I09 dated 29th November I948 was read from the Department of Local Government that the Minister again suggested the Council should consider the question of passing a resolution adopting the Acts. The passing of the Resolution immediately gave the Council power to control development in the period between the passing of the Resolution and the formulation and adoption of a planning scheme. This may take years but in the meantime no constructional works injurious to the amenities and general advantage of the town can be undertaken.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to postpone consideration sine die.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE I948/49

Clerk reported work on the reconstruction of the footpaths at Ardnagreine and J.K.L. Place was in progress to cost £I30 in tarred macadam.

The amenity works at Windmill Lane Quarry and Rookery had not been approved but approval was only a matter of a few days. The original proposal for constructing the paths at Ardnagreine in concrete was not approved and so a further scheme to absorbe £300 was being submitted alternatively.

County Manager advised the Council that only the construction of the footpaths in Ardnagreine had or would be approved. The balance of the grant would go to the widening of the road at Newtown and the County Council would provide the requisite amount to enable the Council to qualify for the Grant.

No order.

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TUESDAY I4th JANUARY I949

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider and if deemed advisable to pass a resolution protesting against the outrageous action of the Hungarian Government in apprehending and detaining in custody His Eminence the Cardinal Primate of Hungary for his activities in the cause of religion in that country.

Present:- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, and Measrs M. Dunphy, T. Clerkin, T. Redmond, J. Shannon, S. O'Doubhghaill and W. Ronan.

The Chairman having read the special notice convening the Meeting :-

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That the New Ross Urban District Council in Special Meeting assembled strongly and vigorously protest against the arrest and detention of the Prince Primate of Hungary, His Eminence Cardinal Mindszendy and that this solemn protest be forwarded (I) directly to the Prime Minister of Hungary at Budapest by cable and (2) to the Department of External Affairs, Dublin, for transmission to Hungary through the usual diplomatic channels."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Clerkin
Seconded by the Chairman

"That this Council extend sincerest sympathy to the Holy Father in this His hour of trial occasioned by the action of the Government of Hungary in arresting and detaining His Eminence Cardinal Mindszendy and that this Resolution be forwarded to the Holy Father through The Lord Bishop of Ferns, Most Reverend Dr. Staunton, D.D.

Passed unanimously.

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TUESDAY I8th DAY OF JANUARY I949

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, and Messrs T. Redmond, W. Ronan, T. Clerkin, J. Shannon and M. Dunphy with the County Manager.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond a vote of condolence was passed to Very Revd. Mark Canon O'Byrne, P.P., Ballindaggin (Brother), Mrs. Minihan (daughter) and Very Rev. M. Murphy, P.P., on the death of Mr. Michael Byrne, South Street.

Proposed by Mr.Shannon
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs. Quinn, The Quay, New Ross, on the death of her husband, Mr. Robert Quinn.

Letter was read from Dr. Kissane, M.O.H., thanking the Council for vote of sympathy with her on the occasion of the death of Mr. Maguire - brother-in-law.

DERELICT SITE AT HAUGHTON PLACE.

Mr. Ronan reported that he placed the offer of the Council to take over this site before the Governors of the Haughton Hospital and it was decided to decline the offer for the present.

CARDINAL PRIMATE OF HUNGARY.

The following letter dated I5th January I949, was read from the Lord B ishop of Ferns :-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram, conveying the sympathy of the New Ross Urban District Council with the H oly Father on the arrest and detention of the Cardinal Primate of Hungary.

His Holiness will appreciate the solidarity of the Council with him and with the whole christian world, in protesting against this violation of fundamental Christian principles.

With all good wishes to the Members pf the Council and yourself."

It was decided to place a copy on the Minutes.

DERELICT SITES

The Committee of the Council appointed in this connection reported as follows :-

"Derelict sites for building of houses are as follows :-

No. II, Bullawn - 2 houses
No. 35, Cockpit Lane, 4 houses
Nos. I & 2 Irishtown - 8 houses.
No. 7 Bullawn 2 houses
Nos. 9 & I0 Bullawn - 2 houses
Irishtown, between Cleers & Nolan's

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property - at least three houses.

We recommend that these houses be built as a continuation of present scheme. That plans and specifications be prepared immediately to prevent time lag and consequent upset of building organization. Recommend consideration purchase of Hanlon's houses for reconstruction."

It was decided to recommend consideration to the County Manager.

DIRECTION SIGN POST ON THOLSEL.

Mr. Ronan drew attention to the necessity for a sign post at or near the Tholsel indicating the roads to Wexford and Waterford.

It was decided to communicate with the Automobile Association on the subject.

SUBSCRIPTION TO TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Circular letter dated I7th January I949 having been read from this association

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was agreed to contribute £5 as an allocation the same as last year.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS.

Letter L. dated 5th January I949 was read from the Department of Local Government enquiring whether the Council is yet in a position to submit draft Byelaws for provisional approval.

Decided to postpone consideration for the present.

PURCHASE OF £50 CORAS IOMPAIR EIREANN 3% DEBENTURE STOCK

On the motion of the Chair
seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to emboss the Seal of the Council on the Transfer Deed herein - Mrs. Edwards Exors. to the Council for the sum of £48.

EMBANKMENT WORKS

Mr. Ronan drew attention to stoppage of works on the river banks. The big breach had been closed but the job was not completed.

It was decided to request the Department of Lands to finish the job in order to render the work already well done effective.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT COURT.

Town Clerk read letter dated 29th December I948 to the Ministry for Justice in this connection and reported that no reply had been received.

Mr. Ronan moved that a further protest be sent.

No order.

WAGES ON GRANT SCHEMES

Replying to Mr. Clerkin the County Manager explained that holydays

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replaced Holidays and due notice was given in accordance with the lawwas it stands. When schemes are being prepared the Department sanctions the fixed rate of wages. The difference between the grant rates and the scavenging staff rate of wages was II/- per week.

Mr. Clerkin pressed to have the rates adjusted.

Referred to County Manager for consideration and if possible adjustment to the wages paid to the Council's staff, and further to recoup the men engaged on the Barrack Lane sewer if the grant money permits.

County Manager explained that a grant had been refused for the laying of the new sewer in Barrack Lane because the amount £280 expended was small but he had made an order requesting the Minister to reconsider his decision.

HOUSING - REPAIRS AND RENEWALS - RANGES.

Replying to Mr. Clerkin, County Manager advised the Council that when a house was vacant and a range or cooker was in disrepair it was customary to do something with it. A range was not provided where a person was in occupation usually.

Chairman suggested that as the houses in Charleton Hill were comparatively new and at the reasonable rent of I2/- to I4/- no action be taken on Mr. Kehoe's application for a new range.

Agreed.

ROADS - FOOTPATH FROM RONAN'S CORNER TO BARRACK LANE CORNER.

Chairman drew attention to the broken flags and holes in this footpath and suggested that it be relaid in concrete.

Referred to County Manager.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER BODIES

GALWAY COUNCIL

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Shannon, this resolution asking the Minister to make a public appeal to insurance Companies, Banks, etc., to build houses for their employees in order to relieve the present conjestion was adopted.

BUNCRANA TOWN COUNCIL

This Resolution protesting against the arrest of the Cardinal Primate of Hungary was marked "already passed".

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL.

Moved by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by the Chair this resolution was adopted - to have the Agricultural Grant available to Urban Districtc.

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A Meeting of the Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council appointed to arrange matters in connection with a conference of representatives of the County Council, Wexford Corporation, New Ross and Enniscorthy Urban Council's for the purpose of considering general policy regarding advisability of the extension of Urban Boundaries in the County to be held in wexford on the 7th February I949 at 2 o'clock p.m., was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening

Present :- Mrs. Lalor and Mr. W. Ronan.

Letter dated 27th January I949, was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council requesting I3 particulars dating from the time that New Ross had a boundary to I949 for transmission to the County Secretary by the 3rd February, I949.

Town Clerk reported that he received the letter on the 29th January, last Saturday, so that he could not call a Meeting before this afternoon, thus leaving no time for the work before the Committee met.

The following data was required by the County Secretary :-

(I) Date of fixing of the existing boundaries of the Urban Area.

(2) Area in acres of the Urban District.

(3) Valuation of the Urban District.

(4) particulars of rate in the £ at say five yearly intervals from I930 to date together with particulars of increases in Urban Valuations for similar Quinquennial periods.

(5) Total indebtedness of Urban District at 3Ist March, I948, specifying seperately indebtedness in respect of housing and all other indebtedness.

(6) Number of houses constructed in Urban Area prior to I932, and number of houses constructed from I932 to date.

(7) A report from the Borough Surveyor on the space available within the present Urban Boundary for housing construction.

(8) An estimate of the housing needs of the Council specifying the existing demand for adequate housing accommodation.

(9) Estimated Capital cost per house for houses presently under construction or proposed schemes.

(IO) Population of Urban Area at I946 Census together with an evaluation of the probable future trend in population having regard to the figures of the I936 and I926 censuses.

(II) The capacity of existing water and sewerage systems for further extensions and connections. This should be related directly to the Councils proposed Housing Programme detailed at 8 above.

(I2) A short statement of the amount of private buildings which has taken place in recent years :-

(a) Within the Ueban Boundary
(b) immediately without the boundary.

An estimate of the probability of continuance of private buildings from any local information which may be available.

(I3) Any other data which may be considered relevant to the discussion.

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It was decided that the Clerk would provide the particulars in so far as he was able and that this documant prepared by the Clerk would be taken to the conference by the delegates.

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TUESDAY, I5th DAY OF FEBRUARY, I949.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding and Messrs W. Ronan, and T. Clerkin, M. Dunphy, S.O'Dubhghaill, and the County Manager.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting and the Minutes of the Conference Meeting were read and confirmed.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS.

Further communication 4/2/49 No. L. was read from the Department of Local Government enquiring whether the Council are yet in a position to submit drafts for provisional approval.

Decided (I) to inform the Department that arrangements are not yet completed, and (2) that the Council's Solicitors be instructed to fix dates suitable.

PARENTS OF BARRISTER ANTHONY LARKINS.

Letter dated 26th January I949, was read from Messrs M.J. O'Connor, & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, requesting information re above whose grandfather was born in New Ross in I839.

County Manager suggested that the Solicitors be informed that a communication to the Parish Baptismal Registrar might help.

No order.

RIVER BANKS.

Letter 5366/49 of the 7th February, I949, was read from the Land Commission acknowledging the Council's request of the 2nd January, I949, to have the repairs to the banks completed to render the work already done effective.

No order.

RESOLUTIONS.

DROGHEDA CORPORATION .

This resolution in connection with the price of white bread was

on the motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ronan,

marked read.

BRAY URBAN COUNCIL.

This resolution was passed. The Chairman dissenting.

ARTIZANS DWELLINGS.- NO. I FOLLYHOUSE LANE.

The Chairman drew attention to the bad reputation of this house. The tenant was the second tenant of a house decided to be unfit for human habitation re-housed by the County Manager. No. I Follyhouse Lane was badly damaged and in her opinion serious notice should be taken.

The County Manager replying said that he had no idea of the character of the tenant he selected to this house. He merely gave the house on the merit of all the applications submitted to him. He had the medical evidence before him, the condition of the house and the size of the family and as the house to which he was

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transferring this family was not a subsidy house he exercised his judgment in granting the house to James Murphy. Under recent Government Regulations demolition of even condemned houses was not encouraged because of a dearth of housing accommodation. This Government order had not been appealed and so he exercised his authority in the matter.

However he had a report before him today by the Rent Collector that for the short time the tenant of No. I Follyhouse Lane was unreasonably in arrears of rent and he had made an order that Notice to Quit be served on the tenant.

BARRACK LANE NUISANCE.

Councillors W. Ronan and T. Redmond complained that nothing had been done to have a dump in the land removed. In their opinion this nuisance was aggrevated by further dumping causing a stench and something should be done at once to clear the dump and prevent a reoccurence of this nuisance.

Referred to County Manager.

WATER TABLES THROUGH THE TOWN.

The Chairman drew attention to this matter. In her opinion unless something was done it would be impossible to prevent accidents vehiclar or traffic apart from the unsightly lough during the rain period. The County Manager explained that he had dealt with this matter during the day and had mad arrangements to have the channels reconstructed from John Street to the end of Priory Street.

RØADS - CROSS LANE COTTAGES.

Replying to Mr. Dunphy the County Manager informed the Council that this roadway was part of the present employment Schemes Vote.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY THE 15th DAY OF MARCH, 1949

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT: Mrs. Labor, Chairman, presiding and
Messrs. W. Ronan, T. Clerkin, T. Redmond, M. Dunphy,
T. Shannon, S. O'Doubhghaill and the County Manager..

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

Moved by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Shannon a vote of sympathy was passed to the Very Reverend the Father Provincial of the Order of St. Augustine and the relatives of the late Father Cowman O.S.A on his demise. Father Cowman was a member of an old Bunclody family, for many years an Augustinian he spent many of them in New Ross as a teacher, preacher and confessor of distinction and was appreciated in New Ross as a distinguished Augustinian Friar.

Letter dated 8th March 1949 was read from Cann O'Byrne,P.P. Ballindaggin thanking the Council for vote of sympathy on the death of his brother Michael.

Letter was also read from Mrs. Quinn, theQuay expressing thanks for the Council's vote of condolence on the death of her husband Robert.

PRESENTATION OF AIREL VIEW OF NEW ROSS
BY THE "IRISH PRESS"

The Council adjourned to receive the representatives of the "Irish Press" in connection with a presentation of a suitably framed and inscribed view of the town taken recently from the air.

The Chairman having duly accepted the picture,
Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was decided to tender the best thanks of the Council on behalf of the people of New Ross to the "Irish Press" and to accord the presentation the honor of the first picture to be suitably placed in the Council Chamber.

The Council having resumed business: -

DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, Thursday the 31st March, 1948 at 7.30 o'cloc p.m. was decided as the date and time for the Annual Estimates Meeting.

EMPLOYMENT VOTES GRANT 1948/49

The County Manager intimated that he had considered the Council's recommendation to grant the men employed on the Christmas Relief work an increase of wages of 11/- per week in order

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to bring the wages up to the standard of the wages paid to the Council's scavenging staff. Representations had been made to the department in this behalf. No reply had been received. If the Council wished to undertake the increase which amounted to £141. 7. 0. it would be necessary, in his opinion, to provide for that sum in the Estimates. He, Manager, would so provide and the matter could then be discussed. The sanction of the Department would be necessary before payment.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYE-LAWS

Letter dated 4/2/49 was read from the Departmet of Local Government requesting to be informed "whether you are yet in a position to submit draft byelaws for provisional approval."

Decided to arrange for the Committee of the Council and the Officials to meet on the matters outstanding.

NUISANCE AT BARRACK LANE

Messrs. W. Ronan & T. Redmond again referred to this matter. Nothing had been done to abate this nuisance.

Referred to County Manager.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEN FROM RELIEF WORKS

Mr. Clarkin intimated that he had been approached by the men who had been dismissed from this work without due notice and were not informed why their services had been dispensed with. He would like to be informed (1) How men laid off were selected and (2) the reason the notice was so short.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had investigated the circumstance and was informed by the Engineer that the men retained were sufficient to complete the work. He would, however, further investigate and have his report for the next Council Meeting.

Adjourned.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Mr. Ronan again referred to the necessity for the provision of lights at Three Bullet Gate to District Hospital and at Abbey Hall.
Decided to provide for same in the Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the ensuing year.

FLOODING AT ROSBERCON.

Circular R.P.A. 201, from the Department having been read by the Chair,
On the Motion of Mr. O'Doubhghaill,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was decided to include this matter in any recommendations made by the Council.

STEPS TO AUGUSTINIAN CHURCH FROM HIGH HILL

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the dangerous condition of the concrete steps on the High Hill.

Referred to County Manager.

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DALY'S HOUSE, Mary Street.

Attention was drawn to the danger to the public from the wall left standing on the demolition of these premises.

County Manager informed the Meeting that the matter was one for the Town Surveyor and he was advised that the Statutory Notice had been served. The Council had no function in the matter.

ANTI-PARTITION MEETING

The Chairman intimated that she had received an invitation to attend this Meeting and the Council was also invited. She would not be able to attend and she presumed the members of the Council who desired to do so would be present.

NO ORDER.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER BODIES

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by the Chair this resolution requesting the Minister for Local Government to take adequate steps to give some relief to Rate payers in Urban areas in Cork county was marked "read".

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Moved by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. O'Doubhghaill, this resolution protesting against the collectivisation of our transport system as being a further step towards Communism was marked "read".

IRISHTOWN HOUSING SCHEME

The County Manager reported that this scheme was progressing most favourably. The houses should work out at a cost to enable the Council to let the houses at 7/6 per week plus rates. He was agreeable to let the houses to persons outside those displaced from condemnd dwellings in which event the cost to the rates would be negligable.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY 3Ist DAY OF MARCH I949

The Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock pursuant to the provisions of the County Management Act, the various Acts and Orders enabling and after due notice.

PRESENT :- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, The County Manager and Messrs T. Redmond, S.O'Dubhghail, T. Clerkin, J. Shannon, M. Dunphy and W. Ronan.

The County Manager explained in detail the various items of the Estimates under the headings of the statutory Form supplied to each Councillor. He compared each item of expenditure and receipt with last year and was satisfied that the services of the Council would be met by the provision made. The exceptional items introduced this year comprised the following :-

Proposed Borrowing.

Charleton Hill Housing to pay the fees of the Quantity Surveyor		£520. 0. 0
Irishtown Housing (I2)		£I0200. 0. 0
Barrack Lane Sewer		£300. 0. 0
Reclamation of River Banks		£200. 0. 0
Waterworks Improvement Scheme		£26000. 0. 0
Do.	(Supplemental)	£600. 0. 0

PROVISION OF SCHOOL MEALS.

A sum of £400 - recoupable as to £200 was provided. In the year I943/44 the School Meals estimate provided for an expenditure of £I60 and a like amount for the following year. Due to the fact that a committee of the people of the town formed a Children's Restaurant Committee the sum provided was not expended. Representations had for some time been made to him that the collection from the town and various activities in the way of concerts, etc., failed to meet the expenditure of the committee. An audited account had been submitted to him which showed the excess of expenditure over income as £349. 5. 0. He approached the Department on the matter and was now satisfied that if the Council adopted his recommendation to pay this Committee £250 it would meet the situation and would not be surcharged. He proposed to meet this commitment by set off against the Council's very favourable financial position so that there would be no increase in the rate in the £ as set out in the estimates.

COUNTY ENGINEERING SERVICES.

Another item that required explanation appeared in the Estimates under this heading. The Council had now the services of the whole County Engineering Staff at £300 per annum. This included Architectural and Civil Engineering services of the highest quality and would eliminate the appointment of qualified men to whom the Council formerly paid heavy fees.

EXCESS EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE WAGES.

The Council expressed a desire that the men employed under this vote should be paid wages similar to the wages paid the Council's

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Scavenging staff necessitating an increase in wages of II/- per week or £I4I. 7. 0 in all. Provision is made in the Estimates for this payment subject to Ministerial sanction.

The total estimated Expenditure for Urban Purposes is as set out in the Form sent to each Councillor £I36I4. The Estimated Receipts is £7582 leaving £6032 to be found by a rate of I3/3 in the £. Adding the rate requisite to meet the County Council Demand the rate required is 27/8 an increase of 8d over last year.

Moved by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. O'Dubhghail

That the Estimates for repairs to Artizan's Dwellings be reduced from £I000 to £800.

After a lengthy discussion,

There votes for :- Messrs Redmond, Ronan and O'Dubhghail.

Against:- Messrs Clerkin, Shannon, Dunphy and the Chair.

The motion was declared lost.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

That the Manager's Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the Pound for the Local Financial Year ending on the 3Ist day of March I950 be adopted.

Agreed unanimously.

SANCTION FOR OVER-EXPENDED ACCOUNTS.

Proposed by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Ronan the following over-expended amounts on various accounts were agreed to viz:-

The Council having complimented the County Manager on the years work and expressing pleasure at the modest increase in rates considering the work to be undertaken during the coming year the Meeting ended.

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TUESDAY I9th DAY OF APRIL I949.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, and Messrs W. Ronan, T. Redmond, M. Dunphy, J. Shannon and the County Manager.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Estimates Meeting held on the 3Ist March I949, pursuant to the Order of the Minister dated I3th March I949, in exercise of the power conferred on him by Section 23 of the County Management Act, I940, were also read and confirmed.

EMPLOYMENT VOTES GRANT I948/49.

Arising out of the Minutes the County Manager reported that further investigation revealed the laying off of the men was in accordance with the usual practice where men were engaged from the Employment Exchange. Money laid aside for wages was exhausted so the Engineer decided to take from the materials account and place a further sum to wages to put a finish on the job. The men retained were selectedby lot.

IRISHTOWN HOUSING SCHEME.

Arising out of the Minutes Mr. Ronan stated he would like to be informed if the Council had decided to let these houses as "free" houses to enable the County Manager to let them to others than families displaced from houses declared uninhabitable.

The Manager stated that the Minute referred to by Mr. Ronan inferred that the Council had decided that he could let the houses in the ordinary way and was not bound to let the houses to persons displaced by the operations of the Council.

Agreed.

HIGH HILL - REPAIR OR RENEW CONCRETE STEPS.

Arising out of the Minutes Mr. Ronan asked the Council to consider having this matter, raised by Mr. Dunphy at the last Meeting, examined more carefully. The concrete footway was in a very dangerous atate and leading as it does to and from the Augustinian Church, the Bullawn, and the Irishtown, should be in a reasonable condition even if the rates should pay for same.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by the Chairman and on the advice of the County Manager it was decided that the Council's Engineer examine the position and report fully to the County Manager on the advisability of (I) relaying the steps from the Friary Church to North Street (2) repairing same..

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

An invitation from the Past Purils' Union, Irish Christian Brothers, New Ross, was read from the Honorary Secretaries, Messrs P. Rossiter and D. Nolan, inviting the Council to attend in State at the above celebrations.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to thank the Past Pupils' Union for the kind invitation and to intimate that the Council had great pleasure in accepting the invitation.

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PILL AT THE TANNERY - REQUEST TO FILL-IN.

Letter was read from Mr. T.J. Kelly, Solicitor to the New Ross Tanning Co., informing the Council that between the Pill in Carr's Yard and the Tannery premises there is a passageway leading to another portion of the property and this passageway may slide into the Pill and so endanger the foundation of the main factory buildings. His Clients propose to fill-in the Pill adjoining the passageway. The Department of Industry and Commerce informed him that they had no objection to this work subject to the approval of the New Ross Urban District Council and the New Ross Harbour Commissioners.

Letter dated 24th March, I949, was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce to Mr. Kelly, Solicitor to the Company,relative to the proposed reclamation of the tidal pill stating that no interest of public navigation was involved and hence the Minister had no observations to offer on the proposed reclamation. The Town Clerk intimated that this matter was before the County Manager and that he saw no objection to the proposal but that the matter should be brought to the notice of the Council. The matter was serious and he recommended the Council to obtain their Solicitor's opinion on it.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to inform Mr, Kelly that the Council had no objection to the filling-in of the Pill.

ITINERANT TRAVELLERS.

A letter was read by the Chairman from Mr. J.A. Nix, New Ross, reference to above.

No action.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER BODIES.

Birr Urban Council.

Proposed by the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan,

It was decided to hand in Notice of Motion to have the resolution to increase the rents of Council houses at present occupied by tenants, including houses in respect of which subsidy is payable,and to use the increase in rents for further housing relief so as not to place an undue burdennon the rates and this be done if necessary by the introduction of legislation.

Agreed.

FERMOY URBAN COUNCIL.

This Resolution suggesting that the Government Grant to Comhdail na Gaedhilg be restored from £6000 to £8000 was marked "read".

CHRISTMAS RELIEF GRANT.

A letter was read from The National Federation of Irish Ex-Servicemen, dated 3rd April I949, to the Chairman of the Council requesting the Council's reason for the dismissal of the men as the National Federation is not satisfied with the reason given at the last Meeting of the Council, and enquiring (I) who dismissed the men and (2) whether the men dismissed were satisfactory or not ? The federations' interest in the business is that the men employed are Ex-Servicemen. The Federation cannot decide whether the men have a grievance or not until they know the truth of the matter.

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On the recommendation of the County Manager it was decided to send a copy of the Engineer's report to the Federation.

IRISHTOWN HOUSING SCHEME

The County Manager reported that it was hoped to have this Scheme completed by June next. The Scheme would be held up until August to obtain slates for the roofs unless the Council would agree to the substitution of tiles.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,

That the houses be roofed with tiles.

Agreed.

RATE COLLECTION

The Clerk reported that the Warrant for the year ended 3Ist March I949, amounted to £I2,452. I2. 3. The amount collected is £I2,057. I6. 0. Irrecoverable £I36. I4. 0. Recoverable to be carried forward to the new year £259. II. 0. This is 97.9% collected - same as last year.

ROAD OUTSIDE CROSS LANE COTTAGES.

Having again referred to the bad road outside the cottages in Cross Lane

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was decided to do something with this patch of ground.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME.

County Manager intimated that he expected to have a preliminary report for the erection of some 90 houses on the Windmill Field by next Council Meeting. It is anticipated that in the taking over by the Council certain hardship is possible on the tenant but the public interest should come first with the Council.

THE MEETING ENDED

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MONDAY THE 9th DAY OF MAY I949

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock pursuant to a requisition of the Council for the purpose of a Vote of Condolence with the Government and the relatives of the late Minister for Local Government on his death.

PRESENT : Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, and Messrs T. Redmond, T. Clerkin and S. Doyle.

The Clerk intimated that the County Manager had 'phoned he would be unavoidable absent.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That the New Ross Urban District Council in Special Meeting assembled tender sincerest sympathy to the Taoiseach and the Government and to Mrs. Murphy and family on the tragic death of Mr. Murphy, Minister for Local Government."

Messrs Clerkin and Doyle having supported the Motion

The Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and the Council Staff having asked permission desired to be associated with the vote.

Passed all Members standing.

The Chairman intimated that she had telegraphed the Council's sympathy and had the National Flag floated at half mast during the obsequies.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I7th MAY I949.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

A Special Meeting duly convened, was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of the making of the Municipal Rate for the year ending on the 3Ist March, I950.

PRESENT:- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, Messrs T. Redmond, W. Ronan, M. Dunphy, J. Shannon and T. Clerkin and the County Manager.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

ROAD TO CROSS LANE COTTAGES.

Arising out of the minutes the Manager informed the Council of the progress on this work.

EMPLOYMENT VOTE I948/49.

Mr. Clerkin expressed dissatisfaction with the mode of selecting the men to be laid off by lot as such a proceeding was contrary to the regulations.

No action.

OVERDRAFT - IRISHTOWN HOUSING

The Clerk intimated that,pending the decision of the Council fixing rents and rates contribution and thus enable an application for a loan from the Commissioners of Public Works, it would be necessary to provide for current expenditure by way of overdraft from the Council's Treasurers, the National Bank. To obtain the sanction of the Department for such a measure the Council should move by way of Resolution.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

"That the sum of £6000 be borrowed from the Council's Treasurers, by way of overdraft on the Capital Account of the New Ross Urban District Council for the purpose of defraying the current expenditure involved in the erection of twelve houses at Irishtown, New Ross, pending the application for a proposed loan from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance this scheme."

Passed unanimously.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Letter L.3970/49 dated IIth May I949 was read from the Department of Local Government relative to improvements to the water supply approving of the proposal to replace the steel main across Poulmounty and requesting copy of resolution of the Council agreeing to overdraft accommodation to the extent of £I600 on Capital Account to finance this work.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

"That the sum of £I600 be borrowed from the Council's Treasurers, The National Bank, Ltd., New Ross, by way of overdraft on Capital Account of the New Ross Urban District Council for the purpose of temporary financing of a Waterworks Improvement Scheme pending sanction to a proposed loan of £25.000."

Passed unanimously.

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IRISHTOWN HOUSING - PURCHASE OF EXTRA LAND FROM MR. O'SHEA.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the land in course of negotiation was essential to this scheme. In his opinion £20 net to the Vendor was adequate for the rood of land required. The matter was in the hands of the Council's Solicitors. The Council would have the final decision in the price.

Adjourned.

The Meeting Adjourned.

The Council held the Special Meeting to make the Municipal Rate for the ensuing financial year at 8o'clock - of which special notice was duly given.

Present: Mrs. Lalor. Chairman, presiding, Messrs T. Redmond, W. Ronan, M. Dunphy, J. Shannon and T. Clerkin and the County Manager.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was resolved :-

"That we raise the sum of Twelve Thousand, six hundred and thirty five pounds, three shillings and six pence, as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of ONE POUND, SEVEN SHILLINGS AND EIGHT PENCE in the pound for the financial year ending on the 3Ist day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, on the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, I946, and the Acts and Orders incorporated therewith, and the same to be collected in two moieties:-

The First on or before the 30th day of September, I949, together with arrears of Two Hundred and fifty eight pounds, eleven shillings, and the Second on or before 3Ist March, One thousand, nine hundred and fifty."

The Rate Book was then duly Sealed and Signed by the requisite Members and the Warrants Sealed and Signed by the County Manager authorising the collection.

An Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, on this evening, I7th May, I949, at 8.30 o'clock to complete the Ordinary business adjourned in order to hold the Special Meeting to make the Municipal Rate.

Present: Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, Messrs T. Redmond, W. Ronan, M. Dunphy, J. Shannon and T. Clerkin, and the County Manager.

HOUSING - WINDMILL FIELD.

The County Manager intimated that a most desirable Housing Scheme was possible in this area. He had plans prepared and a general survey made and he was satisfied with the result.

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Having gone into the matter at length with maps &c., he reported that four Department Officials inspected housing sites in the town and there was little doubt but that their reports will exclude building on any site not the present property of the Council. In his opinion the Department will insist on completing the Charleton Hill Scheme.

The Council having considered the subject for a considerable time

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Doyle

"That the Charleton Hill Scheme be completed."

Moved by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Shannon

"That the Council acquire the Windmill Field - 4 acres - and build thereon in accordance with the County Manager's recommendations."

Mr. Clerkin moved that the lay-out be altered to provide a playground of at least one acre.

Mr. Ronan moved that consideration of all these matters be adjourned for one month in order that all Members be duly notified.

No seconder.

Voting took place resulting as follows :-

FOR WINDMILL LANE PROPOSAL: Mrs. Lalor.

AGAINST: Messrs Redmond, Ronan, Clerkin and Dunphy.

Mr. Channon did not vote.

On the original Motion being put it was carried on the same voting.

There was no decision on Mr. Clerkin's Motion.

The County Manager intimated that the Council could alter the lay-out of this scheme at any time.

FAIR GREEN - LOADING BANK.

Replying to Mr. Ronan the County Manager stated he would enquire into and if at all possible have a loading bank constructed at Irishtown to facilitate people attending the Ross Fairs.

JAMES E. WALSH, ESQ.,

CONFERRING OF HONORARY FREEDOM OF NEW ROSS.

OCCASION OF HIS LEAVING NEW ROSS.

The Chairman introducing this subject dwelt on the loss to the town of this distinguished citizen. The Council had been approached to honour Mr. Walsh as befitted a man who had given a lifetime of unstinted service in the municipal life of his native town and county to the betterment of his fellow countymen. In her opinion the highest honour in the Gift of the Town - its honorary freedom - was highly merited. To enable the preliminaries to be undertaken

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was unanimously resolved:-

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TOWN OF NEW ROSS

ADMISSION OF AN HONORARY FREEMAN

In accordance with the terms of a Resolution unanimously adopted by the Council of the Town of New Ross on the I7th day of May, I949, the Honorary Freedom of the Town was conferred on James Edward Walsh, Esq., on the occasion of his retirement from Public life after twenty five years service to his native Town and County this 24th day of October, I949.

J. E. Walsh. SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.

B. Lalor CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

D. P. Lacey TOWN CLERK.

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"That by virtue of the Charters and the Municipal Privilege Act, I876, the Honorary Freedom of this, the ancient town of New Ross, be conferred on James Walsh, Esq., on the occasion of his retirement from Public Life after 25 years service to the people of his native town and county."

SECOND FAIR IN MAY.

Town Clerk reported that he had been advised that the second May Fair was due to be held, according to"Old Moore"on the 24th and according to the New Ross Standard Almanac on the 3Ist.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

It was decided to notify the public by advertisement in the New Ross Standard and Series, the Free Press, The Echo, The Irish Times, Irish Press and Irish Independent that the fair will be held on the 24th May I949.

PARTITION ACT

Moved by Mr. Clerkin
Seconded by Mr. Ronan it was resolved that the New Ross Urban District in Meeting assembled emphatically protest against the Partition Clause of the Bill now before the British Parliament known as the Ireland Bill and we demand the immediate withdrawal of British troops from our national territory.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF IRISH EX-SERVICEMEN (Wexford County Committee).

Letter undated was read from above body that Mr. Philip Cotton, a Member, complained that although employed by the New Ross Urban District Council during the period in which the Council's employees received increase in wages he did not get the increase. The Federation would like to know why he has not been paid the amount due to him.

No action.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS

Reminder dated 2nd May I949 was read from the Department of Local Government as to the present position in regard to the preparation of these byelaws.

On the recommendation of the Chairman it was decided, in view of the transfer of Public Health Services to the County Council to ask the advice of the County Medical Officer of Health as to the necessity for byelaws by the Urban Council.

MONTHLY MEETING.

ORDER FIXING THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

Letter dated 27th April I949 Ref. No. I0629/48 was read from the Department of Local Government enclosing copy of the Minister's Order fixing the time of the Monthly Meeting of the Council - being the Commissioners for carrying out the Towns Improvement Act, I854 - at 7.30 o'clock p.m., on the third Tuesday of every month.

Noted.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CHANGING OF PLACE NAMES) REGULATIONS I949 dated 5th May I949

Circylar letter No. G.34/49 dated 6th May I949 was read from the Department of Local Government forwarding a copy of the above Regulations.

County Manager having fully informed the Meeting of the implications of the Regulations

The Meeting Ended

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TUESDAY 2Ist DAY OF JUNE I949

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and to consider a motion by the Chairman relative to the Birr Urban Council's Resolution that rents of Council houses be increased and that increase be devoted to the relief of rents of new dwellings.

Present: Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, and Messrs M. Dunphy, J. Shannon, W. Ronan, T. Redmond and the County Manager.

The Minutes of the previous two meeting were read and confirmed.

ANNUAL MEETING:

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The Annual Meeting was fixed for Thursday the 30th June I949 at 7.30 o'clock.

DEAN CLEARY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE.

On the motion of Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Ronan the felicitations of the Council were tendered to The Right Rev. T. Monsignor Cleary, P.P., Deane of Ferns on the occasion of his attainment of the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the Priesthood.

The County Manager and the other Members of the Council joined in the congratulations.

MOTION BY MRS. LALOR.

BIRR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Chairman explained that she brought up this resolution for the purpose of a discussion. Several rents of Council houses were low enough to admit of an increase to help to relieve anundue burthen on the new houses. In order to have the position properly before the Council she moved that the County Manager be asked to examine the proposal and submit his recommendations.

This was seconded by Mr. Redmond.

Mr. Ronan moved that the rents be not increased.

There was no seconder.

On the vote the motion was passed, Mr. Ronan voting against.

LOADING BANK - FAIR GREEN

Replying to Mr. Ronan, the County Manager informed the Meeting there was not any provision for this work out of the rates.

No order.

CROSS LANE COTTAGES FRONTAGE.

Mr. Ronan drew attention to the delapidated condition of this frontage. For years promises were made to have the ground made presentable.

Referred to County Manager.

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RECRUITMENT OF LABOUR.

DIRECT LABOUR SCHEMES - HOUSES.

This Circular /5/45 dated I9th May I949 was read from the Department of Local Government.

County Manager explained that he had made all necessary arrangements.

It was decided that the Local Transport Union Representatives be consulted on the subject matter of the Circular.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Letter dated 3Ist May I949 was read from the Consultant, Mr. T.J. O'Connor, Dublin, enclosing sets of final plans and specification for the water supply improvements. The works provide for the relaying of the existing 6" diam. main from Dranagh to Ballyleigh with an 8" diam. main and the relaying of a defective section of the 7" diam. main at McMorrough with an 8". It also includes a 500,000 gallon service reservoir at Castlemoyle and the renewal of some of the mains in the distribution system to form high and low level zones. Provisional items in the estimate are the installation of an auxiliary pumping unit to water tower and the scraping of the 7" main from Ballyleigh to Irishtown. Total estimated cost £28,867. I0. 0.

After a general discussion on the motion of Mrs. Lalor, seconded by Mr. Redmond, the scheme was approved.

DAMAGE TO SEATS ON THE QUAY AND THREE BULLET GATE.

Mr. Dunphy reported that a seat on the Quay was useless because the timbers are rotten. The seats were not wantonly damaged.

Clerk reported that two seats at Three Bullet Gate was wantonly rooted up - concrete and all - and left lying on the green.

The County Manager was requested to replace the seat on the Quay.

MORE NEW HOUSES BY DIRECT LABOUR.

The Council examined,with the assistance of the County Manager, the lay-out plan of the Charleton Hill housing scheme prepared by Messrs Downes & Meehan, Dublin, for the purpose of setting aside ground as a playground and to consider altering the plan of the house prepared by the same architects.

Eventually it was decided

I. To construct 37 houses on the lay-out plans to be submitted to be submitted later by the County Manager.

2. That the work be carried out under the direct labour system.

3. That at points marked on thelay-out a proper playground be provided.

4. That the Members of the Council present visit with the County Manager certain types of houses in course of erection or erected in Gorey, Wexford and Enniscorthy on Wednesday fortnight.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY THE CHAIR.

Mrs. Lalor handed in notice that she will move or cause to be moved for her at the next available Meeting of the Council

"That this Council proceed to acquire the rest of the Windmill Lane Field for building purposes now or in the future."

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£30 DUE TO MESSRS DELAP & WALLER.

Chairman mentioned that Mr. McConchy informed her on a recent visit to Dublin that the Council owed the above.

Adjourned.

CHANNELS THROUGH THE TOWN IN BAD REPAIR.

Mr. Ronan drew attention to the extrordinary method employed to put the water tables in the town into decent repair. One side of the street was done in tarred stones and the other was left undone.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TURSDAY 30th JUNE I949

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Local Elections Act, I927, of which Meeting due notice was given.

Present:- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, and Messrs M. Dunphy, J. Shannon, T. Clerkin,

The County Secretary sttended in the absence of the County Manager.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Clerkin

"That Mrs. Brigid Lalor be elected Chairman of this Council."

Passed nem.con.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Clerkin

"That Mr. Michael Dunphy be elected Vice-Chairman of this Council."

Passed nem.con.

ELECTION TO ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

No action.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by the Chair

A vote of condolence was passed to the Widow and children of the late Mr. John Kennedy, the Ross man famous in the Gaelic field of sport who for almost a lifetime upheld the honour of his native town and County in hurling and football- apart from his other successful activities in the social and public life of the town of New Ross.

All the Members having associated themselves with the vote

The County Secretary on behalf of himself and the staffs of the New Ross Urban Council tendered sincerest sympathy.

THE MEETING ENDED

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Chairman Thos Lalor

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TUESDAY I9th JULY I949

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Mr. McDermott, Deputy County Manager attended.

Present:- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding and Messrs M. Dunphy, J. Shannon, W. Ronan, T. Clerkin and T. Redmond.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Moved by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

Votes of condolence were passed to the relatives of the late Thomas Conran of New Ross, and Thomas Moroney, Camblin on their recent deaths.

FIRE BRIGADE

Letter dated I6th May I949, was read from the County Secretary enclosing a copy of an Agreement between the Enniscorthy Urban District Council and the County Council of the County of Wexford whereby the Enniscorthy Council undertook the obligations of the County Council under the Fire Brigades Act, I940, to extend the town fire services to the Rural Area on certain considerations.

Mr. Clerkin drew attention to the absence from the Agreement of the insurance of the men whether engaged at fires or practice.

The Deputy Manager was instructed to insure the men employed on the Council's brigade pending the completion of an Agreement with the Wexford County Council.

Referred to County Manager.

COUNTY BRIGADE ADVOCATED.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Clerkin

"That the County Manager be requested to provide a County Fire Brigade with a branch at New Ross, as the only reasonable solution of an effective fire service."

Agreed.

WATER SHORTAGE

The Town Clerk intimated that the Chairman of the Council had sent in a query to ascertain the cause of the recent water shortage. Reports were made to the Town Surveyor by the Water Inspector giving the tower readings between the 2nd and the I4th of July, I949, as ranging from 40,000 gallons in the morning to as low as 3,500 gallons, and from 28,000 in the evening to 5,000 gallons, and on three occasions to empty. Several reports were also read in connection with wastage of water.

The Chairman mentioned two recent cases where although the wastage was reported by the Consumer, no action had been taken.

A report dated I8th July I949 was read from the Assistant Engineer of continued difficulty in keeping up the water supply. Much trouble is due to the increased demand in the hot dry period. There was

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a fall off in the stream-flow at Dranagh. The carriage of the water by the pipe had been lessened for ten days. The town supply had to be cut off at IO.p.m. and is opened at 7. o'clock a.m., There were two leaks on the steel main at Poulmounty - both were repaired. A further leak was located at the New Ross side of the river.

It was ordered that the County Manager arrange for a daily house to house inspection in respect of the water system and report.

IRISHTOWN AND NUNNERY LANE.

Mr. Ronan complained about pot-holes in the Irishtown.

Referred to County Manager.

ANNUAL LEAVE OF COUNTY MANAGER.

An Order under the County Management Act, I940, was read appointing Mr. T.F. McDermott, County Secretary, Deputy County Manager, for three weeks, commencing 4th July I949.

REPAIRS TO ROADS.

A report was read from the Council's Engineer that Charleton Hill have been listed for early attention. Presently, North Street, South Street, Bridge Street, and High Hill are receiving attention, then after they are finished the Charleton Hill Road comes next for attention.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS.

Three communications were read from the Department of Local Government requesting to be informed of the present position of this matter. The Town Clerk read a letter to the County Medical Officer of Health dated 20th June I949, asking the doctor to advise on the Report. No reply had been received.

Adjourned.

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CLONES URBAN COUNCIL.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Sevonded by the Chairman

This Resolution requesting the Minister to alter the present system whereby Urban Authorities pay the County Council rate on the total Poor Law Valuation.

Marked read.

LOADING BANK AT FAIR GREEN.

Mr. Ronan desired to have it recorded that a loading bank might be provided by the Council to facilitate the market held on the Fair Days in the Irishtown.

Mr. Clerkin requested information when the channels on the East side of South Street would be put into decent shape.

Referred to County Manager.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES.

Complaints were made in connection with the house occupied by Mr. Murphy, Church Lane, and No. I Abbey View, also Mrs. Doyle, Charleton Hill, (Range required) and Mary Pyne (range required).

Referred to County Manager.

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ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR FURTHER HOUSING.

Windmill Field.

The Chairman moved her resolution that the Council proceed to acquire the four acres of land known as the Windmill Field, for the purpose of having the whole field of six acres developed in preparation for a further Housing Scheme.

Adjourned for two months.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME.

A discussion arose as to the type of houses to be selected for this scheme. The deputation of the Council, who visited the Enniscorthy, Gorey and Wexford town Housing Schemes, decided that any of the schemes would be unsuitable for New Ross and suggested that a house of the bungalow type at present being erected in Irishtown would be more suitable.

On the motion of Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to advise the County Manager to make provision for the erection of 20 such houses for Charleton Hill.

IRISHTOWN HOUSING.

Plot at rere of Houses.

Mr. McDermott in reply to Mr. Dunphy gave particulars of the negotiations being carried on for the acquisition of a requisite plot for each house. The owner's latest offer is £85 clear to pocket, involving the erection of a protection wall, 9ft. high. The County Manager's offer was now £40 clear to pocket. He had arranged all the correspondence and notes to date and had made an Order that failing acceptance of this offer arbitration be proceeded with.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was decided to ask the County Manager to increase his offer to £50, and if this was not accepted within a week arbitration proceedings be immediately initiated.

WIRING THE IRISHTOWN HOUSES.

It was decided to instruct the County Manager to obtain competitive tenders for the wiring of the other six houses.

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Typies. The alterations in ink on Pages 159 and 160 having been made.

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TUESDAY I6th DAY OF AUGUST I949

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, Messrs W. Ronan, J. Shannon, and T. Redmond.

Mr. McDermott, Secretary of the County Council, represented the County Manager who was unable to attend.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond a vote of condolence was passed to the ralatives of the late Mrs. D.J. O'Connor, Robert Street.

COUNTY FIRE BRIGADE SCHEME

Replying to a question arising out of the Minutes the Deputy County Manager informed the Meeting that he had this project in hands at the moment and it was his intention to pursue it as the idea appeared to him to be the only solution.

WATERWORKS.

The Clerk reported that the condition of the water supply had improved considerably. Daily reports were received from the Acting Water Inspector, Mr. J. Kehoe, of daily visits to consumers. Important leaks were discovered and remedied.

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

It was decided that for the present daily inspections be continued and that reports of daily inspections of houses be submitted in a monthly report to the Council.

WATER CHANNELS THROUGH THE TOWN.

Mr. Ronan again drew attention to the extremely bad condition of the old water cobble tables through the town. He stated he was asking for twelve years to have something done.

Referred to County Manager.

Employment Schemes Vote I949/50

Circular R.U. 2I6/4 dated 20th July I949 was read from the Department of Local Government intimating an allocation under this vote of £I200 Grant subject to a local contribution of £I60 and requesting detailed particulars of the works proposed by the IIth August. The Clerk intimated that he had been in communication with the Department and provided the particulars were transmitted within a reasonable time the date could be ignored.

The Assistant County Engineer under date I6th August I949 submitted three schemes (I) The works of site development. - the Council might consider setting aside an area for the required number of years and commencing work on it. (2) Invest in a long term proposal either of placing a concrete road along the Waterford Road or Creywell Hill. - approximately I,30I yards of road could be done each year. (3) The placing of 4" concrete footpath throughout the main streets of the town. This would mean approximately 750I yds. of paths and would add to the general appearance of the town.

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Mr. Ronan proposed that the allocation be devoted to the reconstruction in concrete of the steps leading up to the High Hill.

There was no seconder.

Mrs. Lalor proposed that the third alternative proposal of the engineer be agreed.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Agreed. Mr. Ronan dissenting.

IRISHTOWN HOUSING SCHEME.

Mrs. Lalor referred to the fact that the Clerk of works got the wiring of the first six houses done without advertising for this work. Mr. J. Kehoe, B.E., Clerk of Works, (who was in attendance) explained that he was not aware there was a second man in the town who could do this work and so he gave him the job.

It was decided that in future a small advertisement be placed at the Tholsel door for this work and also for materials required to enable the local people to compete if they wished to.

Replying to Mr. Ronan, Mr. Kehoe stated the first six houses should be ready for occupation in two months time provided that the plot at the rear of the houses became the property of the Council without delay. As regards the other six houses, possession should be obtained of the house occupied by Mr. Purcell as soon as possible so as not to hold up the progress of that part of the Irishtown Scheme. It was decided to request the County Manager to make arrangements at the earliest possible date to house this tenant so that progress will not be held up.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME.

Mr. Kehoe, B.E., submitted a ground plan of the proposed 20 bungalow houses to be erected here. He explained the plan.

It was decided to agree to same and that the necessary documents be prepared and submitted to the Department through the County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 1949

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this date at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding and Messrs. T.Clarkin, S.O'Doubhghaill, and T.Redmond.
The County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and duly confirmed

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by S.O'Doubhghaill,
Seconded by T.Redmond a vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Richard Power a former member of the Council, on his demise.

FIRE BRIGADE

The County Manager intimated that the question of a County Brigade was considered by the County Council recently. That Council for the present, decided that it was not prepared to consider the matter owing to the cost. The New Ross Council could consider the report of the Department Fire Expert and the recommendations of the Assistant Engineer thereon. Report dated 10th September 1949 from the Engineer was then read that all the requirements of the Department's Expert had been carried out excepting the provision of the transport lorry for the Trailer Pump. In his opinion the Council would not be well advised to provide same. Instead he suggested that the Council would provide a vehicle which could be utilized for transport of stores to cottages and for town scavenging purposes. When used for transport to County Council cottages the County Council would recompense the Council. Cartage of scavenging stuff would cease. The vehicle would cost £620. Chairman suggested that the cost would be prohibitive for the Council. There was not sufficient data available to enable the Council to reach a decision.

Adjourned.

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was decided to press the County Council to seriously consider the question of a County Fire Service as in the opinion of the Council there is no other solution of this important question and it is not within the means of the Council to provide adequate protection for life and property arising from an outbreak of fire in the town and district.

WATERWORKS

Daily Reports were read from the Acting Water Inspector and the Water Inspector which detailed various leaks in the service and the daily readings of the Water Tower. All defects were duly remedied but the shortage of supply continued.

No Order.

HOUSING

The County Manager intimated the progress made in the Irish-town Housing Scheme. He was advised that six of the twelve houses

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would be ready for occupation by the second week of October and so had ordered that advertisement by posters be issued forthwith for tenancy. He had fixed a rent of 10/- per week plus rates pending receipt of all in cost. As advised the cost per house would not exceed £1000 which was very favourable. Mr. Kehoe, B.E. (in attendance) produced the lay-out plan of the 20 Bungalow houses to be erected in Charleton Hill. He would attend at the Custom House Dublin on the morrow and hoped to return with the sanction of the Department to the scheme. The work might be expected to start in October.

Mr. Kehoe also submitted a plan for the erection of 60 houses in the Windmill field.

The County Manager stated it was intended that this scheme should be completed within two years and in the meantime that he would apply for a development grant towards the provision of roads and mains.

Gardens for the 6 Houses - Upper Irishtown.

The County Manager (in committee) expressed his dissatisfaction with the Council's Solicitor relative to the acquisition of plots for these houses. Originally the Council acquired the sites under the Derelict Sites Act. Subsequently the Solicitors acting the the owner - Mr. Dwyer- sold the sites to Mr. Dwyer - two years later. The Council then by Deed acquired the sites from Mr. Dwyer free of all incumbrances and paid for same. Now Mr. McCormack claims, through his lawyer, Mr. Kelly, that he had a tenant's interest in the sites and wants compensation for same. He, Manager, had the matter in hand. The delay would not hinder the building but before any payment is made he must satisfy himself that the claim is justified in law.

SLIP CORPORATION RESOLUTION
Ground Rents to Absentee Landlords

On the motion of the Chair it was agreed to mark this resolution dated 9th September 1940 advocating action by legislation read.

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was decided to formulate a resolution advocating the purchase of ground rents by the Government or Local Authorities on the purchase of land system.

INSURANCE OF MEN EMPLOYED AT FIRE FIGHTING

Replying to Mr. Clarkin the County Manager agreed to arrange for insurance cover for personnel engaged at fire practice and at fire fighting.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS

Letter dated 17th August 1949 was read from the Department of Local Government that the Minister had again directed that he be informed of the present position.

On the suggestion of the Chair it was decided to reply "the position is unchanged"

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SANITATION- MISS GRACE, NEVILLE ST.

Mr. Clarkin requested a report on the present position of the Sanitary accomodation to this house.

Referred to County Manager.

WATER & ROADS

Mr. Doyle drew attention to the laying on of water services to some houses lately and that the road had not been made good since as loose stones are lying about.

Referred to County Manager.

Mr. Doyle also drew attention to the absence of footpaths outside the shops in Rosbercon.

Referred to County Manager.

Mr. Doyle and the Chair reported that the curb outside several houses - notably Miss Colfer's should be raised outside the gates to prevent flooding.

NUMBERING OF HOUSES

Moved by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by the Chair it was agreed that the question of numbering of of the houses in Priory St. be considered.

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TOWN OF NEW ROSS

ADMISSION OF AN HONORARY FREEMAN

In accordance with the terms of a Resolution unanimously adopted by the Council of the Town of New Ross on the I7th day of May, I949, the Honorary Freedom of the Town was conferred on James Edward Walsh, Esq., on the occasion of his retirement from Public life after twenty five years service to his native Town and County this 24th day of October, I949.

_____ SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.

_____ CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

_____ TOWN CLERK.

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TUESDAY I8th OCTOBER, I949

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, and Messrs T. Clerkin, M. Dunphy, T. Redmond, and S. O'Doubhghail.

The County Manager with Mr. Quigley, B.E., were in attendance.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Clerkin

A vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. Bailey.

WATERWORKS.

DEPUTATION FROM RESIDENTS AND HOUSEHOLDERS, UPPER ROSBERCON.

The following letter was read dated 5th October I949 from twenty-one signatiries thereto :-

"We, the undersigned, householders and ratepayers of Upper Rosbercon wish to complain in the strongest possible manner against the treatment being meted out to us regarding our water supply.

Except for the merest trickle available at the street pump only, at a late evening hour and lasting for fifteen or twenty minutes at the most, we have beencompletely and totally without water since noon on Sunday last - for a period of over three full days. This is not an isolated case of faulty supply, but a further continuance of the bad treatment we have received over a period of years.

While we understand that widspread drought is depleting water-supplies elsewhere, we are also aware that this is not the reason for our particular shortage as all other areas supplied from the same source have a decent supply, unrationed.

Need we enumerate the resultant dangers of a bad water supply to public health. Typhoid and diphtheria are but two of the immediate effects of bad sanitation.

Included in this area are the Boarding and Day Schools of the Holy Faith Convent which cater for a considerable number of children and there are a great number of large families of young children in the area also.

Householders, and particularly mothers of families, have been compelled to carry water long distances during day-time and men-folk have to augment their efforts before and after a hard day's work. In a few instances workmen have had to neglect their ordinary occupations in order to maintain household supplies.

This is an urgent matter, gentlemen, and a serious one for us. We trust you will help us and remedy this grievance once and for all."

Mr. S. O'Dubhghaill requested the Council to hear a deputation of the signatories. Permission having been granted the deputation were duly admitted.

Mr. Flynn put the case on behalf of the deputation.

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When the deputation had retired the following report was read from the Acting Engineer to the Town Surveyor :-

"On the I0th of June work was commenced on the Poulmounty Scheme i.e. the laying of a second line of pipe accross the Poulmounty valley originally crossed by a 6" steel pipe line so that lengthy interuption of the supply would not take place should severe failure of the steel pipe now in poor condition take place. It was also expected that the inclusion of this new line would increase the overall carrying capacity of the main and so bring the amount of water reaching the town to somewhere nearer that required.

This very difficult piece of pipe laying up and down the precipitious sides of a valley with rock face showing on one side and crossing a river, a road and a railway was carried out most sucessfully by direct labour.

On Monday the I9th September the supply was cut off at Ballyleigh in order to obtain for this scheme un-needed valve fittings included in the line there. While this work was being carried out the 7" main to the town was left open in order to cause as little interruption to the supply as possible. Before the line had been made good all water had been drained from this section and on again opening the main much air became trapped in the line despite all precautions. The bleeding and blowing of the line to get rid of this air was carried out and it was four days before the line could be freed. The inclusion of the air in the line reduced the carrying capacity of the pipe and therefore the supply to the direct gravity fed upper levels of the town was reduced and some inconvenience caused..

Therefore, it was decided that the cutting of the main for the linking up of the new 6" C.I. pipe line would be carried out on a Sunday so that full closure of the water supply to the town could be made and so minimise the amount of air getting into the pipe. This was carried out on the 2nd October and the new line successfully linked up. A number of joints had yet to be made, the pipes loaded and ferrules placed on new lines to allow of air escape when filling.

On the 8th instant the line was filled and tested and all joints were found to be tight and sound and the line was then put into operation.

In my letter of the I5th July I referred to the reduction in the carrying capacity of the line. This had fallen on the last load test to 5,I00 galls. per hour. A further load test carried out the beginning of September showed the carrying capacity to be down to 5,000 galls. per hour approx. A test carried out on Saturday October 8th on the main with the new line included gave a carrying capacity of 6,000 gallons per hour approx. This was a very satisfactory result as an extra I000 gallons per hour is now obtainable due to the inclusion of the new line. However this flow which would give an approximate delivery of I40,000 gallons per day or 28 gallons per head is an insufficient supply for such a town as New Ross with heavy industrial demand. Modern standards demand a supply of 50 gallons per head per day and all neighbouring towns are noe using over this figure. We must expect a constant increasing demand and also our present carrying capacity to diminish with growing encrustation on the pipe. So that the successful carrying out of this scheme only gives a temporary aleviation of the difficulty of keeping the supply of water to the town sufficient to cope with the demand."

No order.

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Mr. Quigley, B.E. Retires.

The Chair, before giving Mr. Quigley leave to retire, expressed her regrets that he had decided to leave New Ross. In him the Council had an efficient and courtious man in his work. On behalf of the Council she wished him many years in his new appointment.

Mr. Quigley having thanked the Council then withdrew.

CONFERENCE ON EXTENSION OF URBAN BOUNDARIES.

Letter dated I2th October I949, was read from the County Secretary intimating a resumption of above conference fixed for the I7th October, I949, at 2.p.m.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the two Delegates were duly notified. The Delegates only received three clear days - including half-day on saturday - to get ready for this important Conference and so both delegates agreed it was impossible to attend.

Agreed.

FIRE BRIGADE

Insurance of men.

Letter dated IIth October I949 was read from the Hibernian Fire and General insurance Company,42, The Quay, Waterford, intimating that Policy No. E.L. 326888 "as it stands does not make provision for Fire Brigade Employees, but it will be quite easy to have the document endorsed to include liability for the Urban Fire Brigade." "Meanwhile we confirm that we are on cover."

It was decided to have this done.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CENTENARY MASS.

Letter was read from the County Manager that he hopes to be present with the Council at above.

Mr. Clerkin intimated that he regretted he could not be present with the Council at above.

Mr. Clerkin intimated that he regretted he could not be present with the Council at above owing to his duties.

URBAN ROADS.

Arising out of complaints made by several Councillors of the condition of the streets in the town

It was decided to refer to the County Manager and to ask him to have a statement of the amount expemded on the roads to enable the Council to advise him as to the allocation of the balance of the account.

BARRACK LANE SEWER.

Payment of bonus to men employed.

Replying to Mr. Clerkin the Clerk read the Minute relative which stated definitely that Mr. Clerkin's motion to pay the men engaged on this work II/- per week extra was contingent on the work being subsidised by grant and the rates..

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The County Manager stated that the Council should consider the proximate possibility of a surcharge.

So as to give the Council an opportunity of disposing of this matter, Mr. Clerkin gave notice that he would move that the 11/- increase be granted to the men.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

H ouses recently acquired in Upper Mary Street by lapse of Lease.

Replying to Mr. Clerkin, County Manager informed the Council that the sale to Mr. Cody of his tenancy was at present the subject of correspondence between the Council's Solicitors and the Department.

WEIGHBRIDGE HOUSE.

Mr. Clerkin complained that this office was in a very bad condition.

Referred to the County Manager.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER BODIES.

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Clerkin this Resolution congratulating Senator Murray of Montana, U.S.A. and the trusted States Congress on their stand against the partition of Ireland was passed.

CASTLEBLANEY URBAN COUNCIL.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by the Chair this Resolution requesting the Government to provide for the repayment of Housing Loans to 75 years instead of 50 years was marked "read".

The Meeting Adjourned.

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TUESDAY, 15th of NOVEMBER, 1949

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock this evening to transact the ordinary business of the Council and to determine on a motion by Mr. Clarkin of which due notice was given as follows :-

"That I shall move or cause to be moved for me a motion :- that the men employed on the reconstruction of the Barrack Lane sewer be granted 11/- per week increase in wages as paid to the Council's scavenging staff and the men employed on the Employment Schemes Vote".

PRESENT:-

Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding and Messrs. T.Redmond, T.Clarkin, S.O'Doubhghaill, J.Shannon and the County Manager.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed - that part referring to the Rosbercon Deputation and the Engineer's reply were taken as read.

Arising thereout the County Manager informed the Council:-

1. Instructions were given to the Engineer to report on the condition of the Fishouse, Weighbridge office. All repairs would be made good.

2. In so far as finance provides for the balance of the year repairs to all roads would be undertaken - notably Bewley St. Haughton Place, including that part immediately without the Mount Carmel Convent gateway.

CONFERENCE ON EXTENSION OF URBAN BOUNDARIES.

Clerk intimated receipt of a minute from the County Secretary of a Conference held in Wexford detailing the proceedings thereat. The document was handed by him to Mr. Ronan for his perusal and subsequent dispatch to Mrs. Lalor.

The Chairman stated she had not seen the document.

ADJOURNED.

MOTION BY MR. Clarkin.
Barrack Lane New Sewer-
Increase in Remuneration to men employed.

"That the men employed on the reconstruction of the Barrack Lane sewer be granted 11/- per week increase in wages as paid to the Council's scavenging staff and the men employed on the Employment Schemes Vote".

Mr. Shannon seconded,

The County Manager intimated that he had been advised the cost of the extra pay would amount to approximately £20. This sum must be found out of the rates and should the Council agree to pay such resolution would be subject to the approval of the Department.

After a lengthy discussion the motion with the addition of "subject to sanction" was passed the voting being:-

For: Mrs. Lalor and Messrs. T.Redmond, S.O'Doubhghaill, J.Shannon and T.Clarkin.

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SANITATION

Letter dated 27th October 1949 was read from the Estate Office New Ross re the provision of sanitary accomodation to the house at Neville St. occupied by Miss Agnes Grace. "Mr. James Rossiter, Contractor has this matter in hands but I am unable to state when he will complete the work"

On Mr. Clarkin's objection it was decided to request the Estate to press Mr. Rossiter to speed-up this work and that a reason for the undue delay be given to the Council.

HOUSING & LABOURERS ACT 1937
Application for Provisional Allocation of Grants by Mr. T. Murphy, Cross Lane

Form U.1. was before the Meeting. Mr. Murphy owned the house P.L.V. £1. 15. 0. The Engineer certified an estimated cost of the works proposed at £150. The amount of the rent payable to applicant was stated as "Private"

The County Manager detailed the implications of a Grant under the Act.

No certificate was available that a notice under Section 19 Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 was served.

DEFERRED.

WATERWORKS - IMPROVEMENT SCHEME-
Poulmounty costs.

Clerk informed the Council that this scheme was completed within the estimate of £1498-16-8 wages amounted to £650-17- and materials £669-17-10

The members of the Council congratulated the workmen and the Engineer on a most satisfactory job.

Mrs. Lalor drew attention to a very considerable flow of water from the yard occupied by Mr. Freaney at Houghton Place on to the public thoroughfare. It was understood that the cause was a leaking water tap.

Referred to County Manager.

FLOODING OF HOUSES AT WILLIAM ST. AND ROSBERCON.

Several Councillors referred to this matter due to disturbance of the road.

Referred to County Manager.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1949/50

Replying to Mr. O'Doubhghaill the County Manager informed the Council that the old flags removed from the paths of the town due to the operation of this scheme are on sale at the County Council depot.

WET TURF

Several complaints that the turf on sale in the town ex the dumps of Bord Na Mona was practically useless owing to its wet condition.

The County Manager intimated that he had this matter investigated on complaint from the Town Clerk as to the quality supplied under the

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Cheap Fuel Scheme and the Board had had it remedied so far as he was advised.

Referred to County Manager to assist the ordinary householders to obtain reasonable fuel.

DIFFERENTIAL RENTS.

Circular 59/49 dated 26th October 1949 and the paragraph of "Extract from Speech made by the Minister for Local Government" attached thereto was read requesting the Council's views on the question of differential rents.

It was considered :-

(a) It would not be possible to approve of such rents if based on income only and

(b) that under the existing arrangement differential rents are operating.

Decision Adjourned.

RESOLUTION FROM TULLAMORE COUNCIL

On the Motion of Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by the Chair this resolution re demolishing of houses was marked read.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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WEDNESDAY - 14th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1949

Late Dean Cleary - Special Meeting

Duly called by the Chairman a Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this 14th day of December at noon for the purpose of arranging for a vote of sympathy on the death of the Right Reverend Thomas Monsignor Cleary, Parish Priest of New Ross for twenty-one years Dean of Ferns and Vicar General of the Diocese.

PRESENT:

Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding and Messrs. T.Redmond, S.O'Doubhghaill, W.B.Ronan, J.Shannon and T.Clarkin.

Mr. M.Dunphy was unavoidably absent.

The Town Clerk explained that the County Manager could not possibly attend owing to the short notice. He had arranged, however, to attend at the Obsequies.

Moved by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by a vote of condolence on behalf of the Council and for the people of New Ross was passed and it was also resolved that the telegram be sent to His Lordship, the Most Reverend Dr. Staunton expressing sympathy with him, the clergy of New Ross, and the clergy of the diocese in the loss sustained by them on the demise of the Vicar General and Dean of the diocese.

PUBLIC FUNERAL

Moved by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided, subject to the consent of the Lord Bishop, that the Council attend the obsequies in state; that the various Clubs, Associations and professional men in the town be invited to join the Council and that the Dean be accorded a Public Funeral.

Clerk intimated that the matter of a Public Funeral was one solely for the Council in this instance and that His Lordship the Bishop had intimated his entire agreement. New Ross had the proud privilege of singularly honouring their Pastors, and through them the Church, by similar manifestations of loyalty and devotion whenever the sad occasion occured.

The Council having made the necessary arrangements,

The vote of condolence was passed,all the members standing

The Meeting then adjourned to the following morning at 10.45 o'clock.

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TUESDAY THE 20th DECEMBER 1949.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock ~~p.m.~~., to transact the Ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding amd Messrs W.B. Ronan, T. Clerkin, J. Shannon, T. Redmond and S. O'Dobhghaill a with the County Manager.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY AND ADJOURNMENT.

LATE J.E. WALSH, ESQ.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr, Redmond

A Vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Walsh and family on the death of Mr. James Edward Walsh, a former Chairman and Member of the Council for many years and a Freeman of the Town of New Ross, and as a mark of respect to his memory that the Meeting do adjourn forthwith.

The County Manager and Messrs Ronan, Clerkin, Shannoa and O'Dubhghaill having joined tributes to the outstanding merits - public and social - of the Diseased

The Meeting Adjourned.

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TUESDAY I8th January I950.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- The County Manager, Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding and Messrs T. Clerkin, W. Ronan and T. Redmond,

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

LETTER FROM THE LORD BISHOP.

DEATH OF DEAN CLEARY.

The following letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Ferns the Most Rev. Dr. Staunton :-

"I appreciate very much the kind message of sympathy with the Clergy and myself on the death of Dean Cleary, which you have forwarded on behalf of the County Manager, Chairman and Members of the New Ross Urban District Council. Would you kindly express to all our hearty thanks.

"With every good wish for Christmas and the New Year."

The Chairman having thanked the Bishop for his gratious remarks

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

It was ordered that a copy be inserted on the Minutes and that His Lordship be requested to kindly accept the Council's reciprocation of his good wishes for the coming year.

BARRACK LANE SEWER.

EXTRA PAY FOR MEN ENGAGED.

Mr. Clarkin referred to the Council's Resolution to pay the men engaged II/- per week and desired on his own behalf and on behalf of the men to record their appreciation of the County Manager's Order to instruct the payment of the men in time for Christmas.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

PROVISION OF MACHINE WON TURF.

Several Members objected to the provision of wet turf fron the dump provided by Fuel Importers Ltd. The turf was unreasonably bad and unfit.

Proposed by Mr. Clarkin
seconded by the Chair

"That this Council having seen the turf provided for Recipients is of opinion it is unfit and request the County Manager to arrange for a supply of machine-won turf in future."

Agreed - Mr. Ronan dissenting on the ground of cost.

DIFFERENTIAL RENTS.

This matter was again discussed as adjourned from last Meeting.

On request the County Manager agreed with the suggestion of the Minister. Mr. Clarkin disagreed.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan

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Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That no action be taken."

After a discussion it was decided to defer further consideration for the present.

ROADS.

County Manager informed the Meeting that the balance remaining on this Account with the Wexford County Council is £I65. If the Council required any special work to absorbe this amount he would arrange to have it done.

Mr. Ronan moved that the sum be expended on Mary Street and Michael Street to enable easy horse traffic into the town. In his opinion scarifying one side of each street should remedy the contimuing complaints from farmers and others that these streets are impassable.

It was decidec to expend the £I65 on improvement to Mary Street from the Convent steps to South Street,

IRISHTOWN HOUSES

Replying to the Chair, County Manager intimated he should be in a position to give the Council full cost of this Scheme by direct labour by next ordinary Meeting. The scheme is not completed yet. There were also legal complications over sites which should be rectified within a few days.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSES

Mr. Clarkin opened a discussion on the employment or otherwise of men on this direct labour housing scheme. At various interviews with applicants for employment he was satisfied that Mr. Peter Hanlon was considered the right man on the job. Mr. James Doyle - a former Member of the Council approached Mr. Hanlon and was definitely refused a job by him - Mr. Clarkin replied to Mr. Redmond who charged him to name one man to whom Mr. Hanlon refused a job on the scheme.

There was no reply to Mr. Clarkin's question :- Who is the competent authority for employment and dismissal of men on this scheme ?

The Chairman and Mr. Redmond repudiated the allegations that Mr. Hanlon had anything to do with or interfered with the employment of men.

No order. No action.

OVERDRAFT ON HOUSING SCHEME.

Clerk advised the Council that it would be necessary to find the money required for current wages and expenditure by way of overdraft on the Council's Treasurers pending completion of loan documents.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
seconded by Mr. Ronan

It was agreed to apply to the Council's Treasurers for an overdraft of £I5,000 to meet the expenditure on this scheme pending receipt of the loan from Local Loans and to request sanction to same.

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LOAN FOR CHARLETON HILL HOUSES

Proposed by the Chair (Mrs. Lalor)
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

"That we the New Ross Urban District Council in Meeting duly assembled arrange for a loan of £32,000 to be obtained from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of the erection of twenty two artizan's dwellings at Charleton Hill, New Ross,"

Passed unanimously.

OVERDRAFT £900.

IRISHTOWN HOUSING SCHEME.

Moved by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was agreed to the apply to the Council's Treasurers for an overdraft of £900 to meet the expenditure under this scheme pending loan from Local Loans Fund and to request the Minister's sanction to same.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

DUNDALK URBAN COUNCIL.

On the motion of Mr. Ronan
Seconded by the Chair

A Resolution from this Council requesting the Electricity Supply Board to discontinue the meter payment system was marked "Read".

BRAY URBAN COUNCIL.

On the motion of Mr. Ronan
Seconded by the Chair

It was decided to adopt the resolution from this Council (I) that applicants for drivers' licences under the Motor Traffic Act should pass an adequate test before receiving licences (2) that a speed limit of 20 miles per hour be fixed for every Urban District and (3) that the present law concerning road safety be more strictly enforced and heavier penalties be made by the Courts.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, the 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1950

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and to fix the date of the annual Estimates Meeting.

PRESENT: Mrs. Lalor, Chairman presiding, the County Manager and Messrs. J.Shannon and T.Redmond.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING

On the motion of Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by the Chair, Tuesday the 21st day of March 1950 at 8 o'clock was fixed as the date and time of the Estimates Meeting.

IRISHTOWN HOUSING SCHEME.
Detachable Fencing

Report dated 21st February, 1950 was read, by order, from the County Manager, from the Clerk of Works to this scheme suggesting a fencing to be placed outside six of the houses as instructed by the Manager - cost £65. This is to prevent nuisance on Fair Days.

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was agreed to give the necessary powers to the County Manager to deal with the subject.

IRISHTOWN HOUSING SCHEME

Referring to complaints that the ranges provided to those houses were not satisfactory to the tenants the Manager informed the Council that the makers' agent inspected the ranges and was satisfied with them. He, Manager, had however cancelled the provision of a like range to the Charleton Hill new houses - 22.

Same Scheme

Replying to the Council who adverted to the Minutes of the previous meeting in which it was understood that the complete costs of this scheme would be available now Manager advised the Council that he hoped to have the cost per house definitely by next meeting. So far as he was advised the approximate cost was not under £1160 per house.

ADJOURNED.

HOUSES FOR OLD SINGLE PERSONS

Mrs. Lalor suggested that the Council should now consider the provision of houses for these people, convenient to the town and something on the style of the Trinity houses, separate appartments. She suggested several sites that should be acquired easily.

Referred to County Manager.

THE LITTLE WOOD - CREYWELL ROAD

Mrs. Lalor submitted that this wood was now derelict. It approached the town and the acquisition of it with a view to having it planted should add to the amenities of the town.

County Manager advised that as the wood was outside the Urban area the Council could not entertain any expense connected with it.

No. Order.

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RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER PUBLIC BODIES

Westmeath County Council.
Article 44 of the Constitution.

By general consent this resolution requiring ammendment of this article in favour of the Catholic Church was marked "out of order"

Municipal Authorities of Ireland

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, this resolution asking the Government to enquire into the incidence of rating and to provide alternative methods of financing expenditure of Local Authorities was - passed.

Kinsale Urban Council

This resolution calling on the Government to give substantial grants towards relieving the rates further on the Urban Ratepayer having regard to the abnormal increases in the cost of schemes of a capital nature was marked "Read"

Bundoran Council

Proposed by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, the second part of this resolution calling on the Minister to introduce amending legislation to make expenditure on all institutions and main roads a national charge he marked "no action". Passed.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Shannon, it was agreed to adopt the first part of this resolution "that Chairman of Urban Councils automatically become ex-officio members of their respective County Councils" was Passed.

Wexford Corporation

Letter dated 18th January, 1950 was read from the Town Clerk that the Corporation had adopted a resolution calling the Minister for Industry & Commerce to re-establish the Cement works at Drinagh.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Shannon , "Agreed"

Fermoy Urban Council
Cross on National Flag.

This resolution declaring that as a Christian Nation to commemorate the Holy Year a Cross be put on the National Flag was marked "Read"

LOAN OF £10,000
IRISHTOWN HOUSING SCHEME

Moved by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor and Resolved

"That our corporate seal be applied to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £10,000 (Ten thousand pounds) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 to 1943".

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THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, 21st DAY OF MARCH, 1950

The ordinary monthly meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock and the Rates Estimates meeting was held at 8 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding and Councillors S. O'Doubhghaill, T. Redmond, W. Ronan, J. Clarkin and J. Shannon.

COUNTY MANAGER

Town Clerk intimated the County Manager desired to be excused attendance as, after his Roads Session in New Ross he was unable to be present. He, Town Clerk, had informed the Manager that the sanction to the holding of the Estimates Meeting was not received.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed after an objection by the Chair had been overruled.

ESTIMATES MEETING

This Meeting was held at 8 o'clock p.m. pursuant to the various Acts and Orders enabling.

Town Clerk requested that owing (1) to his recent illness the statutory form of Estimate of Expenses and Determination of the rates in the pound had not been delivered within the statutory period and (1a) as since that the Audit of the Accounts of the Council for the two years ended on the 31st March 1949 was in progress at the end of the Council's third financial year and (2) as approval to the date fixed by the Council had not been received the Meeting be adjourned for one week.

Moved by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, this was agreed.

£65.0.0. Extra Expenditure Irishtown Houses
for Protection against Cattle nuisance on Fair Days

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes, Mr Clarkin handed in notice of motion that any resolution granting power to expend £65 on this matter be rescinded as unwarranted.

FIRE BRIGADES ACTS

Letter dated 14th March 1950 was read from the Wexford County Council enclosing a draft Agreement to cover the Council's activities outside the Urban area the duty of the County Council. Town Clerk advised the Council that they had no Engine. To purchase an Engine and equip the Brigade for work outside the Urban area was a matter for mature consideration. £50 appears low.

On the motion of the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan it was decided to adjourn determination of the matter for the attendance of the County Manager.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSES
Progress Report of Clerk of Works

Dated 21st March, 1950 Mr. Forde reported as follows -

"The following is a brief report on the progress of the above scheme

A. Development:	1.	Road	98% complete.
	2.	Sewer	40% "
B. Building:	Block 1.	Roof Timbered.	
	" 2.	Superstructure complete to wall-plate.	

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" Blocks 3,4, 6,7,8 & 9 - Complete to damp proof course.
Block 5 - First lift of walls complete.
" 10 - Foundations excavated.

The numbers employed on the site at the moment are:

1. Carpenters: 6 no. and 1 apprentice.
2. Masons: 1 no.
3. Labourers: 31 no.
4. Watermen: 4 no.
5. Carter: 1 no.

From the above it can be seen that the ratio of skilled to unskilled labour is as 31 : 7 which is far too high in view of the fact that the heavy part of the development which absorbs the labour is now nearing completion.

Every effort was made during the past few weeks to obtain more skilled labour including:

(a) notifying the Department Labour Bureau
(b) Notifying the Local Exchange,
(c) Personal visits to areas from Borris to Arthurstown.

So far these efforts were unavailing and ads. are now inserted in all the local papers.

In view of the skilled labour shortage it is necessary in order not to unduly overload the site, to lay off five men to-day and an additional five before the week-end. "

RESOLUTIONS
Cobh U.D.C.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond the Resolution
"That the Minister for Defence be requested that one of the Corvettes be sent to Rome during the Holy Year so that the Irish National Flag could be seen in Italy."
was adopted.

Monaghan U.D.C.

Proposed by Mr. Roan,
Seconded by Mr. Doyle, the following Resolution from Monaghan U. D. C. was adopted -

"That the Government be requested to introduce legislation to abolish ground rents and to give the tenants the preference to buying out same at a ten year's purchase. That copy of this resolution be sent to all Municipal Authorities and to the Dail Representatives for County Monaghan."

The Chairman having stated that she had more important business to transact vacated the Chair. Before doing so -
Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, Mr. T. Redmond, in the basence of the Vice-Chairman presided.

"Buy Irish" Campaign

Under date 28th Feabhra, 1950 the following letter was read from the Minister for Industry & Commerce -

"I take the liberty of addressing this letter to you to ask for your support for the "Buy Irish" campaign which was launched

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some months ago.

There has been a great expansion in Irish Industry since the State was established and to-day a vast variety of goods comparable in quality with imported goods is available. This development has practically doubled the number of people employed in our industries since the early days of the State. Still, the proportion of our people employed in industry is amongst the lowest in Europe.

That there is scope for further industrial development is evidenced by the statistics for 1948 which showed that the quantities of goods imported of a type already made or capable of being made here might have provided employment for 45,000 persons.

I am convinced that the building up of new industries and the extension of existing ones will go a long way towards solving the twin problems of emigration and unemployment. In addition, new national wealth will be created, our balance of payment difficulties will be eased and a higher standard of living provided for our people.

A great deal can be done with little or no sacrifice on the part of the buying public. If everybody would make it his or her business to ask for Irish goods, to buy Irish goods, and, in the case of distributors, to display and push Irish goods a further big improvement in national prosperity would be quickly apparent.

It is on this aspect of the matter I am writing you and other persons in organisations to enlist your support in a campaign which is bound to have beneficial results for the whole community.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond, it was agreed to mark the letter "no necessity"

Comparative Costs - Contract V Direct Labour
Irishtown and Charleton Hill Housing Schemes

The Chairman having permitted a discussion on the relevant Minute connected with this matter, Mr. Shannon pointed out that so far as the Irishtown Housing Scheme was concerned the cost of direct labour building could not be reasonably ascertained. The Council had a man who was wholly irresponsible, did not attend to his work, was never on the job and so the scheme did not get a chance. He advocated that as a fair contest the Charleton Hill Scheme be placed as against Contract System.

The Council had a man there at 8 o'clock a.m. and he was a man worthy of the job.

The Town Clerk intervened that the statement of Councillor Shannon was libelous and was not protected by his office as a Councillor. In any case no one should be attacked behind his back by a public representative.

Mr. Doyle objected to the agressive attitude of the Town Clerk in adressing Mr. Shannon. He wanted this noted in the Minutes.

The Chair ruled that Mr. Shannon withdraw any imputation on the character of the Engineer.

Mr. Shannon courtesly withdrew his remarks.

HOUSING
Proposed Scheme of Four Houses for Houghton Place

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager was interested in a small scheme of housing to fill in the gap in this street.

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He suggested a house plan accepted by the Gorey Town Commissioners. His Engineer would submit same for the consideration of the Council. It might be possible to find out the cost of the houses by direct labour and the cost of the houses by direct labour and the cost under a contract. It would be well to advertise for tenders.

Mr. Ronan expressed the opinion that the scheme was too small to guide the Council - very few, if any, contractors would be interested.

Referred for consideration to the next available meeting at which the County Manager might be available to consider the matter with the Council.

LOADING BANK FAIR GREEN
LIGHT AT ABBEY HALL.
SURFACE OF NUNNERY LANE
SURFACE OF MARY ST. & MICHAEL ST.

Mr. Roanan drew attention to those matters. Nothing had been done about them although several Councillors had repeatedly asked about them.

Referred to County Manager.

Mrs. Doyle's Range

Mr. Clarkin requested that the County Manager's attention be drawn to this matter. The Council and the Manager had given instructions to have a new range provided for some considerable time.

Agreed.

Dismissal of Men on the Housing Schemes

Mr. Clarkin advocated the laying off of men with more than an hour or two notice. In his opinion the men should be laid off together. He must insist on a reason for terminating the employment of Mr. McHugh and Mr. Gardiner.

Referred to County Manager.

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ESTIMATES MEETING - 28th March 1950

The Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

PRESENT: Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding. The County Manager and Messrs. W. Ronan, T. Redmon, J. Shannon and S. O'Doubhghaill.

County Manager's Explanatory Statement on the Estimates:

The County Manager, Mr. T.D.O'Sinnoid, having read his statement as follows -

"New Ross, with a population of 4981 and a total valuation of £10,598 estimates to have for the incoming year a total expenditure of £14,090, during the financial year ending 31st March, 1951. Of this amount £8016 will be received from outside sources leaving a difference of £5994 to be raised from the Rates. This will necessitate a total Rate as shown in the Calculation of Rates in the pound table of 26/8 in the pound as compared with 27/8 last year.

I would advert briefly to a few items in the estimate which I think is worth consideration -

(1) Repair and Maintenance of Artizan's Dwellings. Expenditure under this heading this year was well within the Estimate. As the Council will recall a considerable amount of repair work was done during the year. I am anxious to call special attention to the numerous applications for repairs to ranges and renewal of fire-bricks etc.

The other Urban authorities in the County have had a similar experience and they have decided that where ranges are being replaced or where new fire-places are being installed the actual cost of installation or improvement will be borne by the tenant and collected with the weekly rent over a period. I would suggest that the New Ross Urban Council adopt a similar policy.

I would advert to the Council's building programme. There has been considerable discussion and a certain amount of criticism on the houses completed at the Irishtown. I have for you tonight the costings of these houses and I consider that when the circumstances attendant on the scheme are taken into consideration the houses have worked out at a reasonable construction cost. Reasonably good progress is being made on the Charleton Hill scheme and it is hoped that the first of these houses will be ready for letting at the end of May. Speed is being retarded by a lack of Masons. Actually today there is only one Mason working on the scheme.

The County Council Demand at £731 shows a reduction on last years Demand. It will probably not vary very considerably in the coming five years.

In conclusion I would be anxious to extend my appreciation of the assistance, co-operation and informed critism of the Council members."

then read the Estimates seriatim.

REPAIRS TO COTTAGES

On this item in the Estimates Mr. Ronan drew attention to the Estimate of £1000 last year. It could not have been expended.

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Mr. Doyle desired to be supplied with, on average, the amount spent on each cottage. Manager having satisfied the Council that the unexpended balance was provided for in that only a £500 estimate now appeared this item was agreed to.

FIRE BRIGADE ACTS

Manager referring to discussion appearing in the Press (of last Meeting) agreed that no refund had been received from the County Council. Various efforts were made, without effect, to establish a County Fire Brigade, which appeared to be the only reasonable solution, to adequate fire fighting. The Estimates covered a figure of £15 for Expenditure but was met by a like sum which he decided should cover the situation. A draft Agreement had been received from the County Council which should be duly considered by the Council. Under it the County Council suggests a sum of £50.

Mr Doyle's suggestion that the Kilkenny C.C be asked to contribute agreed B.L.

Miscellaneous £200

Mr. Redmond considered this figure could be reduced.

Moved by Mr. Ronan "That this sum be halved"

There was no Seconder.

Moved by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by the Chair "That this figure be reduced by a sum equivalent to a rate of 2d. in the £ i.e. £78"

Agreed.

St. Stephen's Cemetary £140.

Manager informed the Meeting this was a Precept figure and could not be altered.

Mr. Ronan and the Chair complained of the disrespect shown towards the interred. The graveyard could receive better attention by additional employment.

Manager gave particulars of complaints he had received and investigated. No cause whatever was shown for the complaints.

Mrs. Lalor suggested that the graves could receive more attention from the relatives of the dead.

Moved by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by the Chair, it was decided that the Council take steps to institute a Pattern Day in order to induce the relatives to clean up the graves annually etc.

The Estimate was agreed to.

SCAVENGING OF STREETS.

Manager explained that the amount of £1100.0.0. was mostly wages to men.

Chairman instanced that dumping was taking place on a public thoroughfare.

Several members complained of dumping of refuse on the lands adjoining the Council property.

Manager replying informed the Meeting that the Council had no responsibility for dumping on private property but for dumping on the roads the County Council were responsible.

The vote was agreed to.

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FIRE BRIGADE'S ACTS

Mr. Doyle submitted that the Brigade could be and was actually called on to extinguish a fire in the Kilkenny district. The Kilkenny County Council should be requested to undertake like Agreement with the Council as the Wexford County Council.

Agreed.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATES

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was duly resolved that the Meeting adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A B & C subject to a reduction of £78 under the heading of Miscellaneous Expenses and hereby determines in accordance with the said amended estimate the Municipal rate for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1951 to be one pound six shillings and six pence in the pound.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY THE 18th APRIL, 1950

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and to consider a letter dated 11th April 1950 to the Chairman of the Council from Messrs. Transimpex Ltd. that they wish to acquire the Show Grounds site together with the land adjoining the property of the Council as a factory site for a Fertilizer Factory. It is intended to have this factory in full operation by the end of the present year.

Present: Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, the County Manager and Messrs. T.Clarkin, W. Ronan, J. Shannon, T. Redmond and S. O'Doubhghaill.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting and the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting were duly read and confirmed.

Clerk intimated that notice of the consideration of the letter from Messrs. Transimplex was given to each Councillor.

Arising out of the Minutes:-

Mr. Clarkin moved his motion that the resolution of the Council to expend £65 on a barrier outside the Council's houses in Irishtown- opposite the Cross - be rescinded.

Mr. Ronan Seconded.

Mr. Clarkin agreed that a barrier was unnecessary. Cattle on the fair must equally damage the other houses in Irishtown and if a barrier was necessary to the Council's property it should be extended to the other ratepayer's property there. The other residents provided their own protection for years.

It was stated that cattle damaged a rain water pipe to one of the houses.

Moved by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, "That as some class of a barrier was required on Fair Days the matter be referred back to the County Manager for consultation with the Engineer to ascertain if the work could be done at a lesser cost".

On a vote the amendment was declared lost and Mr. Clarkin's motion was carried.

MEN LAID-OFF ON COUNCILS' HOUSING SCHEME

Mr. Clarkin enquired if it is now possible to get the detailed reason why the two men nominated by him had been dismissed.

The County Manager intimated that he would look into the matter forthwith. It was intimated that it appeared to be the duty of the men's Union to look after the interests of the men and that the time of the Council should not be used on such matters.

Mr. Clarkin objected. The Council's business included the erection of houses and employment or otherwise of men and the Council should be satisfied of the terms of employment.

Moved by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, "That in future any Councillor who received a complaint from any employee of the Council send it privately to the County Manager".

After a discussion the motion was withdrawn.

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Moved By Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond "That the Council proceed to next business".

The motion was passed Mr. Clarkin voting against it. Mr. Doyle did not vote - explaining he was unavoidably absent from the discussion.

Mr. Clerkin then handed in notice of motion "that employees of the Councilbe given reasonable notice of termination of employment"

FIRE BRIGADES ACTS
Agreement with the Wexford County Council.

Chairman having read the terms here-in proposed between the Council and the Wexford County Council under which the Council undertake fire-fighting outside the Urban area under the conditions of the agreement,

On the Motion of the Chair,
Sefonded by Mr. Redmond, it was unanimously agreed to complete the Agreement and, on the advice of the County Manager, to make it retrospective for two years since the Council Brigade had attended outside fires during that period.

FERTILIZER FACTORY
Disposal of land at Marshmeadows.

Under date 11th April 1950 the following letter addressed to the Chairman of the Council was read from Messrs. Transimplex Ltd.

The Chairman and the County Manager gave a detailed account of the negotiations which took place at several interviews between Mr. Van den Bergh. The Council could dispose of their interests in the property known as the Show Grounds - held under a fee farm grant from the Tottehham Estate subject to a yearly rent of £11.10.0 - and the adjoining 4½ acres - held in freehold subject to a Land Commission Annuity of £4.8.10. Doyle's land cost £100.0.0. with Stamp Duty and legal expenses of £18. 16. 6. i.e. £118. 17. 0. and The Show Grounds cost £10. 0. 0. with legal expenses and outlay of £22. 14. 5. In the Show Grounds there was some expenditure in levelling by dumping town refuse and a concrete walk paid for out of a Government Grant.

The Manager suggested that subject to the Council agreeing to dispose of this property the purchase price be fixed @ £600 clear of all costs and expenses with the usual provisions that the purchaser undertake all the obligations of the Council - the Rent under the Fee Farm Grant and the Land Purchase Annuity in particular.

Moved by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Roan, it was decided to offer the lands of Messrs. Transimplex Ltd. under the terms nominated by the Manager subject to the consent of the Departments concerned and for the purpose of a Fertilizer Factory for the town.

HOUSING:

Mr. Clerkin again drew attention to Mrs. Doyle's application for a new cooker.

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Referred to Co. Manager.

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Replying to Mr. Ronan, Manager explained the new arrangement re letting of houses.

Pending the legal change over of the letting of houses by the Council on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer of Health, the Manager would let the houses on the same recommendation.

The vacant house at Follyhouse Lane would be let on Wednesday of next week.

ACQUISITION OF SMALL DWELLING'S ACQUISITION ACTS.

An application for a loan of £200 by Guard Patrick Hernan was before the Meeting.

Mr. Redmond handed in notice of motion "That this Council adopt the Act".

REVISION OF POLLING STATIONS

Letter dated 12th April 1950 was read from the Wexford County Council attaching a sealed copy of a scheme adopted by them in pursuance of Section 9 of the Electoral Act 1923 and Section 7 (4) of the Local Elections (Polling Districts and Polling Places) Rules 1928 for inspection at this Councils office for two weeks commencing on Saturday next.

Noted.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME

Progress Report dated 18th April 1950 was read by the Chair.

Noted.

NEW ROSS AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Letter dated 16/4/50 was read from the Hon. Secretary asking for the use of the Show Grounds in case his Committee would decide to renew the New Ross Annual Show.

No action in view of the decision re Factory.

REPORT OF RENT COLLECTION

The Manager intimated the collection for the year just ended at 97.6%. Arrears at 31/3/49 £122. 13. 7. Rent accrued during the year £3705. 8. 7. Collected £3738. 15. 9. leaving £89. 6. 5. arrears at the 31/3/50.

Considered satisfactory.

RATES REPORT

Manager reported. Total Warrant for the year ended 31st March 1950 £12893. 14. 6. Collected £12445. 15. 6. Not collected £447. 19. 0. (subject to consideration of irrecoverable rates.

Considered satisfactory.

THE MEETING ENDED.

B. Lalor 16/5/50

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TUESDAY, 16th MAY, 1950

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and to determine on the notices of motion of which due notice was given.

PRESENT: Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding,
Messrs, T. Redmond, W. Ronan, T. Clerkin, and J. Doyle.

Mr. McDermott, Secretary, Wexford County Council deputised for the County Manager and was attended by Mr. O'Regan, B.E. for Mr. Doris, County Engineer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed after the additions or alterations were made by the Chairman on objection by Mr. Clarkin.

FIRE BRIGADE'S ACT, 1940
Straw on Lorry Fire

Report by Mr. O'Grady to the County Manager was read that a lorry of compressed straw went on fire whilst on the Quay, New Ross and was extinguished about 10 o'clock p.m.

Some straw was scattered about the Quay which was on fire. The water pressure from the hydrant was very weak at about 12 o'clock and orders were given to have the water turned on all night, to Mr. P.Grace, Council foreman. Full tide was at 1.50 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. but the fire-engine would not function as there was no depth of water.

Chairman mentioned that it was the duty of Mr. O'Grady, Water Inspector to attend to the water supply.

The Engineer informed the Council that the question of pressure should be considered only in relation to the incrustation of the pipe line on that section of the Quay. Sufficient water could not be delivered.

Mr. McDermott advised the Council that they should concentrate on the questions raised during the debate (1) the effectiveness of the water supply (2) the calling out system of the brigade (3) the operation and the directions of its operations and (4) the responsibility for ensuring the efficiency of the equipment.

It was decided to submit all questions to the officials of the Council.

Extension of Water System to Mr. Gorry's new house at Chilcomb.

Engineer reported on Mr. Gorry's application that the nearest point was at the School-house road, Rosbercon. The pipe line was only $1\frac{1}{4}$" size. 200 yards of pipe line would have to be laid to the cross opposite the back entrance of Chilcomb House. The length of the service pipe from this cross to Mr. Gorry's house was approximately 250 yards. The cost to the cross would be £160. The existing line was down for relaying in connection with a new scheme in a 3" pipe line. In the circumstances it would be rather inopportune to extend the $1\frac{1}{4}$" main along to the cross. When the new main was laid the extension could be given to Mr. Gorry.

Replying to Mr. O'Doubghaill, the Clerk informed the Council that the latest complaint of water shortage to Rosbercon was received today.

Chairman advocated expedition of the new scheme.

Moved by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided to grant the extension to Mr. Gorry's house.

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Water Shortage in Rosbercon

Mr. O'Doubghaill drew attention to this. The residents attended before the Council some time ago and for some weeks the supply was satisfactory. No change had been made in the pipe line and now there was a shortage.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Clarkin, Seconded by Mr. O'Doughghaill that a rigid weekly inspection of the water system be made and checked up.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSES

Report from Mr. Forde B.E., Clerk of Works was read on the progress made in this scheme. Total number of men employed was 42.

Mr. O'Regan, B.E., Engineer replying to Mr. Clarkin stated that the amount expended to date was £7000.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY MR. CLARKIN

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan,

"That employees of the Council be given reasonable notice of termination of employment"

Replying to the Chair Mr. McDermott defined the word "reasonable" from the point of view of employment as in accordance with whether a man was paid by the hour, by the day or by the week.

Mr. McDermott then advisedthe Council that employment of men and execution of work was governed by certain regulations which were approved in 1932 whereby Union conditions were to be observed. In connection with Mr. Clarkin's complaint as to dismissal of men he (Deputy Manager) had met representatives of the Union on the site that day and they informed him there was no complaint of the employment of men on the Charleton Hill Scheme.

Replying to Mr. Clarkin the Deputy Manager stated that the manner in which officials of the Council carried out their duties was governed by the County Management Acts.

Mr. Clarkin's motion was carried, the Chairman dissenting.

Reconstruction of Houses
Mr. Ronan's Notice of Motion

Moved by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,

"That the Department be requested to send down and Engineer to examine and report on certain houses in the town - not the subject of Demolition Orders with a view to the purchase of them by the Council for reconstruction"

Moving the motion Mr. Ronan suggested that good houses in the town should be purchased by the Council for reconstruction.

The Acting Manager advised the Council to decide on the questioh first and ask the sanction of the Minister afterwards. Their own Engineer could be employed

Mr. Ronan's motion was adopted.

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Small Dwelling's Acquisition Acts
Mr. Redmond's Motion

Moved By Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by the Chair,

"That the Council adopt the provisions of the Small Dwellings Act within the New Ross Urban area"

It was agreed on the advice of the Deputy Manager to make the statutory application to the County Council.

LOADING BANK - FAIR GREEN

Mr. Ronan informed the Council that certain people were willing to subscribe and provide a loading bank in Irishtown and asked for the permission of the Council to do so as the ground was the property of the Council.

It was decided to inquire into the matter.

FERTILIZER FACTORY
Sale of Park Grounds

Letter dated was read from the Department of Local Government enquiring as to the (1) statutory authority under which the Council propose to dispose of this property for the factory (2) if the question of possible interference with the amenities of the locality has been considered (3) if a report from the County Medical Officer could be obtained generally as to the disposal (4) if the whole of the lands was necessary for the factory and (5) if other parks or open spaces were available to the public. Attention of the Council was drawn to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

The Deputy Manager informed the Meeting that he had made an Order that day which completely answered the queries from the Department.q

Mr. Ronan moved and
Mrs. Lalor seconded

"That a deputation from the Council be appointed to interview the Minister in Dublin on Thursday next with a view to obtaining his immediate consent to the Council's proposal to dispose of all the lands at Marsh Meadows in the ownership of the Council for the purposes of a New Ross Fertiliser Factory.

Passed Unanimously.

The Chairman, Messrs. Redmond, Ronan, the Engineer and the Town Clerk were then duly appointed as the deputation.

Letter from Mr. Fleming

Letter dated 15th May, 1950 from Mr. P.J. Fleming, President, New Ross Chamber of Commerce to Mrs. Lalor, Chairman of the Urban Council was read, that he was asked by the Company to request the Council's permission to enter on the lands at Marsh Meadows in connection with the Factory project pending the Department's sanction to the sale. The Company is disposed to hand back to the Council land to the depth of 33 ft. from the river and extending from the road to the furthest extent of the property to facilitate unhindered development of any future industries.

Several members stated the workmen of the Company were already on the lands.

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Macroom Urban Council

Moved by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by the Chair, this resolution protesting against the harsh valuations recently assessed on householders in town etc. was passed.

Dungarvan Urban Council

Moved by Mr. Ronaan,
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin, this motion was passed to increase the personal allowance under the Income Tax Act to £500 for married men and £250 for single men on account of the depreciation in money value.

Killarney Urban Council

Moved by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, this resolution requesting the introduction of legislation to provide for an Income Tax of 25% on all ground rents payable to absantee landlords was, passed.

Clonmel Corporation

Moved by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr, Redmond, this resolution that a National Council be formed to consider ways and means for the erection in Ireland of a National Memorial of Thanksgiving for being spared the horrors of world war two and asking His Grace, the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland to summon a convention of the Oirechtas, County and other Councils with the Hierarchy to assist.

Passed.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 1950.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to make the rate for the service of the year ending on 31st day of March, 1951, pursuant to law.

PRESENT:- Mrs Talor, Chairman, presiding, and Messrs T. Clerkin, W. Ronan and T. Redmond.

MAKING OF RATE.

Proposed by Councillor Ronan
Seconded by Councillor Redmond it was resolved:-

"That we raise the sum of Twelve Thousand, five hundred and forty six pounds and ten pence, as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of ONE POUND SIX SHILLINGS AND SIX PENCE in the pound for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty one, on the property situate within the Urban District on New Ross, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1946, and the Acts and Orders incorporated therewith, and the same to be collected in two moieties:-

The First on or before the 30th day of September, 1950, together with arrears of Three hundred and twelve pounds, seventeen shillings and one pence, and the Second on or before 31st March, One thousand, nine hundred and fifty one."

ALLOWANCE OF RATE.

Moved by Councillor Ronan
Seconded by Councillor Redmond it was resolved:-

"That the Municipal Rate hereinbefore set forth be made by the New Ross Urban District Council at their Meeting held this day and that the same be collected in two moieties: that is to say, the first moiety on or after the 1st day of April, One thousand nine hundred and fifty and the second on or after the 1st day of October next ensuing."

The Rate Book was duly sealed and signed. The Warrants authorising the collection were signed by the County Manager and duly sealed, and the Clerk's certificate duly endorsed.

The Meeting ended

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TUESDAY 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 1950.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT: Mrs Talor, Chairman, presiding, and Messrs T. Clarkin, W. Ronan and T. Redmond with the County Manager.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY AND ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, a vote of condolence was passed to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese - Most Revd. Dr. Staunton - and to Mrs Minihan on the death of the Very Revd. Mark Canon O'Byrne, P.P. Ballindaggon .

Moved by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by the Chair, a vote of condolence was passed to Dr. Quigley New Ross, on the death of his mother.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was nem. con. decided to adjourn the Meeting for one week as a mark of respect.

The Meeting adjourned

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TUESDAY 27th DAY OF JUNE, 1950.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the business of the Council adjourned from last Meeting.

PRESENT: Mr. Clarkin and the County Manager.

The Meeting was adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting date for want of a quorum.

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TUESDAY THE I8th JULY I950.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Present :- Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, and Messrs B. Ronan, T. Redmond, T. Clerkin, J. Shannon, S. Doyle and the County Manager.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the I6th May, 20th June (two) and 27th June I950, were read and confirmed.

LETTERS.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese wrote thanking the Council for vote of sympathy on the death of Canon O'Byrne, P.P., Ballindaggon.

Mrs. Minihan, niece, wrote thanking the Council for vote of sympathy on the death of Canon O'Byrne.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT I940.

Arising out of the Minutes, read, the Chair informed the Council that she was not satisfied on certain matters in connection with the operations of their Fire Brigade at the fire which caused distruction of straw on a lorry owned by Mr. Fleming, North Street, New Ross, Mr. O'Regan, B.E., at last Meeting advised the Council that the provision of a further length of hose to contact the stream in the river bed would adversely affect the force of the water leaving the Trailer Pump and so he did not requisition it. She, Chair, was not impressed and so sought other authorities. She was now able to tell the Council that not only could the river supply water to the Quay, at lowest tide, but if the Council provided another trailer pump at the top of Mary Street with sufficient length of hose a fire in the Irishtown could be reasonably fought without calling on the Council's water supply. The Chair therefore was put in a false position before the public - perhaps through her own fault in accepting the Council's Engineer's statement which she should reasonably be expected to accept. She had made a statement which she,as Chairman of the Council, was advised to make at a Council Meeting with Mr. O'Regan, B.E., present. It appeared difficult to her, Chairman, to know which Engineer operated for the Council and so she, as Chairman, was now handing in notice of motion that a competent Town Surveyor be appointed for the town at a salary competent to ensure the services of a qualified man who would undertake all the work of the Council in his department.

County Manager pointed out that the Council had the free service of the County Architect and were responsible only for half the salary of an Engineer. A whole time man for the Council would cost £750. If the Council wanted such a man he, Manager, would take the necessary steps. The Appointments Commission would recommend a suitable man. He would not, however, undertake the work of an Architect.

Mrs. Lalor then intimated her intention to hand in Notice of Motion - that the Council proceed to appoint a Town Surveyor; terms of office to be fixed later.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSES.

MR. CLERKIN'S COMPLAINT ABOUT DISMISSAL OF MEN WITHOUT DUE NOTICE.

Mr. Clerkin intimated that this complaint was now closed as he had been informed an agreement had been reached between the County Manager and the Men's Union that where a complaint had been substantiated the men would be warned before a dismissal operated.

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APPOINTMENT OF CARETAKER TO THOLSEL.

Replying to Mr. Redmond the County Manager informed the Meeting thet the Portress, Miss Annie O'Brien, had tendered her resignation due to ill health. She occupied the position since I913. Her resignation had been accepted. A temporary appointment had been made. He hoped to make an early permanent appointment after he had prepared a schedule of duties to embrace the job of Weighmaster.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Town Clerk reported that the County Council had not replied to the Council's communication relative.

County Manager intimated that the requisite permission was granted and that the Council could expect same within a few days.

PURCHASE AND RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES.

Letter N. 5908/50 dated 26th June I950 was read from the Department of Local Government herein requesting (I) map showing location of houses (2) reports from Engineer and Medical Officer of Health as to suitability (3) reports as to the extent of accommodation (4) whether fully serviced or not (5) whether owners have intimated terms of sale and (6) detailed estimate of cost of repairs to be prepared by Council's Engineer. The Minister approves in principle of acquisition of properties which can be reconstructed at reasonable cost. Pending a definite proposal he is not prepared to send an Inspector.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager had made an Order to have the requirements carried out.

Mr. Ronan advocated that Mr. Martin Hanlon, Irishtown, be approached regarding requirement No. 5 to start with.

Referred to County Manager.

HOUSING.

CHARLETON HILL SCHEME.

Progress report dated I8th July I950, was read from Mr. Forde, B.E., as follows :-

I.Development complete. 2. Building works satisfactory. 3. Labour employed 47.

Loan of £23,200.
Corporate Seal attached to Mortgage.

Moved by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond and agreed

"That the Corporate seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage dated this day whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £23,200 proposed by them to be advanced to the Council under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts I890-I948."

The Seal was accordingly fixed to the Deed and the Mortgage was duly signed by the Chairman, and Councillors W. B. Ronan and T. Redmond, countersigned by the County Manager and witnessed by C.J. Connolly, Journalist and the Town Clerk.

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LETTING OF 22 BUNGALOWS AT CHARLETON HILL.

County Manager reported that he had caused advertisements to be issued in the Press and by poster inviting applications for the tenancy of these houses as available at a rent of I0/- per week plus rates in order to ascertain the position as regards future housing in the town.

Replying to Mr. Ronan the Manager informed the Meeting that the result of the advertisement should be a guide as to whether they should let the houses free or devote them to rehousing persons to be taken from condemned houses.

ELECTION TO NEW ROSS HARBOUR AUTHORITIES.

Pursuant to letter H.B. 58 dated II Bealtaine I950 from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Dublin, intimating that under the Act I946 and as the year I950 is an election year the Council should appoint two members to the Harbour authority.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Doyle,

Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, and Mr. Ronan were appointed.

TRANSIMPEX LTD.

Letter dated 26th June I950 was read from above as follows :-

"We thank you for your letter of 22nd June. As regards our proposal concerning the New Ross site, the matter is at present under consideration. We shall let you have the desired information as soon as it is available."

Town Clerk reported that nothing had been received since.

WINDMILL LANE FIELD.

POSSESSION DEMANDED.

County Manager advised the Council that owing to the default of Mr. Martin whelan, the tenant, to restore the amenities of the road soas as to permit the surfact water to enter the lands he had decided to terminate Mr. Whelan's tenancy. Instructions had been given to the Solicitors some considerable time ago and Notice to Quit was now being served.

RESOLUTIONS

Corporation of Sligo.

On the Motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to mark "read" a resolution from this Council re Valuation Laws.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Letter dated Ist July I950, Ref. No. L.3969/3/49 was read from the Department of Local Government referring to records from the County Engineer furnished on the Ist June I950 - period I5th June I949 to 6th October I949 - I08 days. Estimated demand is 250,000 gallons per day was reached or exceeded on only I6 days. Minimum II0,000 gallons per day over 4 days followed by a period of I6 days yield of I38,000 gallons per day making the source inadequate to meet the demand 250,000 gallons per day. The gauge in use appears inadequate and should be replaced by a right-angled V-notch of

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adequate size. The Consultant should be asked for a general report on the Scheme and the possibility if necessary of augmenting the source of supply.

Town Clerk reported that a copy of the letter was sent the County Manager on receipt and on his Order a copy was sent to the Consultant.

Dated I7th July I950, the County Manager read a report from the Engineer intimating the possibility of accurate gaugings due to considerable leakage under and at the sides of the weir. This leakage he estimated on the 6th June last at 50 gallons per minute or 72,000 gallons per day. On the I3th June a gauging was taken with a temporary V-notch which gave a reading of 252,000 gallons per day.

After a lengthy discussion

Moved by Mr. Doyle
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

It was agreed to invite the Department Inspector interested to interview the Council and the members of the Rosbercon Improvements Committee with a view to a speedy start of the Waterworks proposed scheme.

ROSBERCON WATER SHORTAGE.

Mr. Doyle reported as follows :-

Tuesday IIth July - Water practically off all day.

Friday I4th July - Off all day till 6.45 p.m.

Tuesday I8th July - Off completely I0.0 a.m., to 4.I5 p.m.

BULLAWN WATER SHORTAGE.

Mrs. Lalor reported that the houses on the Bullawn were very seldom supplied with water. Continuous complaints reached her which she substanciated.

THE MEETING ENDED.

B. Lalor 252/8/80

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TUESDAY THE 30th SEPT. 1950

The First Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this day at noon o'clock pursuant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act 1927 (No.39).

PRESENT:- Miss Nancy Ryan and Messrs. Richard Hamilton, Thomas Clarkin, Thomas O'Murchada, Michael Dunphy, Edward Bennett, Martin Reddy, Michael Doherty and Thomas Redmond.

All members having duly subscribed to the Declaration to be made on acceptance of a Corporate office it was agreed that Councillor Thomas Redmond occupy the Chair.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Councillor Bennett,
Seconded by Councillor Doherty,

"That Councillor Thomas Redmond be elected Chairman for the ensuing year"

Proposed by Councillor Dunphy,
Seconded by Councill O'Murchada,

"That Councillor Thomas Clarkin be elected Chairman for the ensuing year"

Pursuant to Section 43 (1) Local Government Act 1941 a vote was taken resulting as follows:-

For Mr. Redmond - Miss Ryan and Messrs. Bennett, Reddy, Doherty and Redmond,

For Mr. Clarkin - Messrs. Dunphy, O'Murchada, Hamilton and Clarkin.

The Chairman declared himself duly elected.

VICE CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Councillor Clarkin,
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy,

Mr. O'Murchada was unanimously elected Vice-chairman.

ST. STEPHENS JOINT CEMETETRY COMMITTEE

Proposed by Mr. Bennett,
Seconded by Mr. Reddy,

Miss Nancy Ryan was unanimously elected to this Committee.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin,

Mr. O'Murchada was unanimously elected.

Proposed by Mr. Doherty,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy,

Mr. Clarkin was unanimously elected to this committee.

COUNTY VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy, the Right Revd. Monsignor Robert Canon Hickey, P.P. New Ross was duly elected a member.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Doherty, Miss Nancy Ryan was duly elected a member.

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THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED. Thos Redmond

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TUESDAY THE 22nd AUGUST, 1950

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and to consider :-

(1) Tenders for the erection of three working class dwellings on a site at Haughton Place, New Ross.

(2) Mrs. Lalor's motion to appoint a Town Surveyor Vice the present system.

(3) Winter 1950/51 Employment Schemes Vote.

PRESENT - Mrs. Lalor, Chairman, presiding, Messrs. W.B.Ronan, J. Shannon, S. O'Doubhghaill, T. Redmond and Mr. McDermott, Deputy County Manager.

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

LETTING OF THE NEW 22 HOUSES - CHARLETON HILL

Moved By Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, It was agreed, nem. con. that these new houses be let in the normal way, i.e. subject to the 1/3 subsidy.

SEWER PUMPING STATION AT ROSBERCON

Mr. O'Doubhghaill drew attention to this arrangement. Due to its unefficient working since April last property in Rosbercon was flooded with sewage and the County Manager should be asked to investigate the cause and inform the Council of the result with his suggestions for a remedy.

Agreed.

EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS TO MR. GORRY'S NEW HOUSE AT CHILCOMB.
Additional Money Required.

Report dated 8th July, 1950 was read from the Assistant Engineer, Mr. O'Regan that he was unable to procure 1½" pipes for this work. He would procure 3". The cost would therefore be £185. 0. 0.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was decided to instruct the County Manager to expend the sum of £185 on the work and to provide for same in his next annual estimate - the Chairman dissenting.

LIGHTING OF ROSBERCON

Mr. Redmond drew attention to the necessity for further public lighting from Rosbercon Street to the Railway Bridge,
It was decided to instruct the County Manager to obtain an estimate from the E.S.B. for same.

NUMBERING OF HOUSES - PRIORY ST.

Mr. Redmond requested information as to the progress of this work.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Assistant Engineer's estimate was accepted by the County Manager and instructions were given to have the work carried out.

APPLICATION FOR SEWER AND WATER MAINS TO HOUSES TO BE ERECTED BY DR. STAFFORD AND MISS O'RIORDAN

Architects for above requested permission to connect with the Council's mains and if the Council were prepared to meet the cost of same.

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Moved by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was agreed that as the erection of houses within the Urban area was a primary object at present that the facilities requested be granted and that the cost be met by the Council.

PURCHASE OF WEIGHBRIDGE FOR IRISHTOWN

Mr. Ronan advocated the purchase and erection of a Weighbridge adequate for lorry weighing be undertaken by the Council.

Clerk intimated that some time ago such a scales was before the Council and the cost was somewhere in the neighbourhood of £1500 plus erection. At present the Weighbridge on the quay brought in an income of between 2/6 and 3/6 per week and the wages alone cost 30/- per week.

Mr. Ronan gave notice that he would move or cause to be moved for him that an adequate weighbridge be acquired.

EMPLOYMEN SCHEMES VOTE

Assistant Engineer recommended the reconstruction of foot-paths in the following streets viz. - John Street, Mary St. and Charles St. This would absorbe the £1020.

Moved by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by the Chair,

That the Grant be expended on resurfacing the Mary St. end of Church Lane and Mary St. from the Technical School to opposite the Workingmen's Club in macadam competent to permit of horse traffic and that the Engineer be asked to submit his proposals for same.

The Deputy Manager suggested that it might be well to submit the Engineer's proposals for concrete footpaths as an alternative to avoid delay.

The resolution and the Deputy Manager's suggestion were adopted with the further recommendation that the footpaths be corrugated.

APPOINTMENT OF A TOWN SURVEYOR

Moved by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, and agreed to by the Chair it was decided to adjourn this matter for determination by the new Council.

THREE HOUSES AT HAUGHTON PLACE
TENDERS FOR ERECTION.

Messrs. Larkin Bros. Wexford submitted a tender in accordance with plans and specification prepared by the County Architect - Amount £4600. This did not include for development works as they had not a lay-out plan.

Messrs. Ryan Bros. New Ross tendered in accordance with plan and Specifications having 11" cavity walls, steel windows and tiled roofs. Amount £3580. 0. 0.

On the motion of Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided to accept the lower tender subject to sanction.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSING REPORT

Dated 22nd August 1950 Mr. Forde submitted the following progress Report.

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A. Development. 90% complete.

B. Building Work.

Block 1.		House 1 complete and some painting yet to be completed in house 2. Fencing and out-office complete.
Block	2.	Internal plastering complete.
"	3.	Plastering in progress.
"	4.	Structure work and roof complete.
"	5.	do.
"	6.	do.
"	7.	Tiling in progress.
"	8.	Roof timbering in progress.
"	9.	Walls complete to wall plate.
"	10.	External walls complete.
"	11.	External walls complete to 2nd lift.

C. Labour Employed

Carpenters.	9 no.
do. apr.	1 "
Plasterers.	5 "
Masons.	2 "
Painter.	1 "
Plumber	1 "
Labourers.	25 "
Carter	1 "
Waterman	2 "
Total	47

RESOLUTIONS
Rg.D.A.T.A.

Proposed by Mr. O'Doubhghaill,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, this resolution that travelling shops are a menace to the prosperity of country towns and should be subjected to supervision and control in the public and national interest was passed. Mrs. Lalor dissenting.

USE OF ROSS SEAL OF ARMS

Mr. Patrick Donovan, Upper Rosbercon, requested permission to use a small decorative form of the Town Seal without the inscription on his history of the Christian Brothers, New Ross and later on further publications by him of the town.

Granted.

BUNCRANA URBAN COUNCIL

Moved By Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. O'Doubhghaill, this resolution calling on the Government to legislate that tenants of Urban Council houses be given an opportunity to purchase the houses on which they reside was passed unanimously.

SLIGO CORPORATION

Moved By Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, this resolution appealing to the Minister for Local Government to order that all road staffs of Public Bodies be placed on a permanent basis to enable them to qualify for the same facilities as the indoor staffs including pensions was marked read.

The Chairman and Councillors having thanked the County Manager and staff for their work during their term of office, Mr. McDermott, and

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THE MEETING ENDED.

Stas Redmond
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TUESDAY THE 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1950

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council and business adjourned from the First Annual Meeting.

PRESENT: T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Miss N.Ryan and Messrs. Reddy E.Bennett, T. Clarkin, M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, R. Hamilton, and T. Murphy.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY AND ADJOURNMENT

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy,

"That the sympathy of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Richard Finn, brother to the Council's Rate and Rent Collector and son of the late Mr. M.J. Finn, a former Town Clerk, on his death. Also to the relatives of the late Michael Sheehan North St. New Ross, a former member of the Council, on his recent death and that the Council adjourn for one week as a mark of respect."

Mr. Clarkin having quoted Standing Order No. 17 that no adjournment of a Meeting may be moved upon the death of any person except such person be a member of the Council or the wife or child of a member of the Council and in that case only after the disposal of urgent or important business requiring the immediate attention of the Council.

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

"That Standing Orders be suspended"

VOTING:

Against:- Messrs. Murphy, Dunphy and Clarkin.

Standing Orders were suspended, and after a discussion the Meeting Adjourned to next Thursday at 7. 30 o'clock p.m. after transacting important business.

It was nem con decided that copies of Standing Orders be printed and circulated to the Council.

COUNTY VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Letter dated the 6th October, 1950 was read from Monsignor Hickey, P.P.V.G, New Ross regretting his non-acceptance of the Office owing to his inability to attend the Meetings.

Moved by Mr. Clerkin,
Seconded by Miss Ryan,

It was decided to nominate Fr. Keating, C.C. New Ross to the office.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

It was agreed to appoint the Chairman of the Council and the Town Clerk as delegates.

IRISHTOWN HOUSING SCHEME

The County Manager intimated that he had concluded negotiations with Mr. Michael Corcoran, Irishtown for the purchase from him of his interest in the land adjoining the two houses to be erected opposite the

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Good Shephard Convent, Irishtown. The Council's Solicitors could not find that Mr. Corcoran could give the Council a good title to the ownership of the land but advised that since Mr. Corcoran was in possession for four years without paying rent to anyone and that it was remote that the owners would assume control and further that in eight years time the Council would have a perfect title he, Manager, had decided to agree to the payment of £40 for the site subject to the usual documents and the sanction of the Minister.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy,
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

It was unanimously agreed to approve of the County Manager's decision and to provide the requisite £40 and costs for the purpose.

HOUSING SCHEME - Nunnery Lane

Mr. Clerkin advocated the immediate preparation of a new housing scheme on Nunnery Lane site in order to ensure continuity of employment of the men at present engaged on the Charleton Hill scheme.

Referred to County Manager.

WATER SUPPLY

Chairman stressed the necessity for the immediate introduction of the New Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

County Manager detailed the reasons for the delay and suggested that as several members of the Council were not informed of the present and past position the Consulting Engineer be asked to attend the Adjourned Meeting to be held on Thursday for the purpose.

Agreed.

Mr. Hamilton intimated that the bungalows in Cross Lane were without water for sizteen hours per day.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This was adjourned to next Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to Thursday, it having been agreed that as all Councillors were present special notice would not be necessary.

Thos Redmond
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TUESDAY THE I7th DAY OF OCTOBER I950.

An Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Miss N. Ryan and Messrs T. Clarkin, T. Murphy,M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, and R. Hamilton.

The Chairman apologised for the absence of Mr. Bennett regrettably due to sudden illness.

AUDITORS REPORT.
TWO YEARS ENDED /I/3/48 AND 3I/3/49.

Letter dated I3th September I950 was read from the Department of Local Government, Dublin, enclosing a copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Council for above years together with attested Abstract of accounts for the year ended 3Ist March I948. No Abstract was received for the year ended 3Ist March I949.

Clerk requested the Council to note that the date of the Auditor's Report to the Department was I5 Bealtaine I950 in view of his, Clerk's, submission that a copy of the Auditor's Report had been circulated before submission to the Council. The Chairman of the Council and the County Manager were obviously entitled to a copy of the Report and the Abstracts but publication, in the history of Local Government, was only released after the Council had considered the Report. The Council alone were entitled to release this important document after consideration.

Mr. Redmond, Chairman, stated he had not received the documents referred to and considered that as the Local Elections were in the offing the documents should hsve been addressed to the Presiding Chairman.

REPORT.

FINANCE.

Year ended 3I/3/48 Receipts £I8089. I6. 6. Expenditure £I8548. 2. I0
Year ended 3I/3/49 Receipts £20536. 5. 9 Expenditure £22042.I3. 4

Clerk explained that to avoid an increase in rates the County Manager applied a sum out of reserves. He received the Council's authority to provide the deficiency in the forthcoming budget. When the Council decided to increase any funds placed at his disposal the balance could not be met otherwise. This tendered to reduce the balance in favour of the Council.

CASH ASSETS.

Cash Assets exceeded liabilities by £2I8I. I6. I0 at 3Ist March I949.

QUESTION OF INTEREST AS BETWEEN THE REVENUE AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

At the 3Ist March I949 there was a credit balance £I692. I4. 8 on Revenue Account and a debit balance on Capital Account of £2257.3. I0. Interest was allowed by the Bank at the rate of one per cent on Revenue Account and was charged at full rate on Capital Overdraft Account. In view of the Bank's refusal to consider an offset for interest purposes the Auditor recommended that both Revenue and Capital moneys be kept in one account with the Treasurer- retaining separate accounts in the books of the Council.

Clerk explained that up to this Report it was a penal offence to maintain Revenue out of Capital. Revenue would obviously lose one per cent and Capital must gain at a loss to Revenue. On the County Manager's instruction this question had been raised with the Department

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but so far the Department had not given a decision. The Bank, Council's Treasurers, had decided against the Auditor.

RATES.

Y ear ended I946/47 24/6: Year I947/48 24/6 and Year I948/49 27/- in the £. Increase was mainly due to an increase in the County Council Demand.

COLLECTION.

I946/47 Warrant £I076I. I2. 8. Collection £I00I8. I9. 2. Irrecoverable £292. 8. 2. Carried forward £450. 5. 4. Percentage collected 93.00.

I947/48 Warrant £II005. II. 3. Collection £I0467. I3. 0. Irrecoverable £3I5. I3. I0. Carried forward £222. 4.5. Percentage collected 95.II.

I948/49 Warrant £I2452. I2. 3. Collection £I2057. 7. 3. Irrecoverable £I36. I4. 0. Carried forward £258. II. 0. Percentage collected 96.83.

The Collector should make a detrrmined effort to reduce the arrears.

The Clerk intimated that the County Manager insisted on bringing forward arrears in different cases in the hope of recovery but subsequently determined that in the year I947/48 there was no hope of recovery for legal reasons.

Chairman, with the unanimous decision of the Council declared the collection was praiseworthy.

I947/48 WARRANT SHORT BY £200 APPROXIMATELY.

In checking the Assessment the Auditor found the Warrant short by £200 approximately due to the fact that land and other hereditaments not supplied with domestic water were assessed in error with the rate of 23/- in the £.instead of the Municipal Rate of 24/6 in the £. He, Auditor, was unable to get a satisfactory explanation why the adjustments were not made in the subsequent assessme nts.

Clerk detailed the position between the old rating system under which all persons supplied with Domestic Water were separately rated at I/6 in the £. When the new system - Municipal Rate - obtained for the first time the definitely all rated should have been assessed whether supplied with water or not. This was not done. The matter was placed before the Council at the time and the Council's Solicitor. A new rating was advised but the cost was not considered necessary by the Council. In the subsequent year as the Council had a credit balance it was considered necessary to invoke the 60th Section of the Act of I94I. The Council lost nothing by this proceedure.

RENT OF ARTIZANS DWELLINGS.

I946/47 Collection £3575. 3. I. Collected £3386. 8. 0. Irrecoverable £27. 5. I0. Arrears £I6I. 9. 3.

I947/48 Collection £3579. I9. II. Collected £3420. 2. 0. Irrecoverable £24. I5. 9. Arrears £I35. 2. 0.

I948/49 Collection £3690. 7. 7. Collected £3546. I2. 6 Irrecoverable £2I. I. 8. Arrears £I22. I3. 5.

Recommended that steps be taken for improvement.

Clerk explained that when the County Manager took office the arrears were £632. 5. 4 and on the 30th September I950 they were £8I. 0. 0.

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CORPORATE ESTATE RENTS.

Arrears I947 £6I. II. 9. I948 £29. 3. 6 and I949 £44. I4. 4.

Clerk intimated that the increase from I948 was due to matters referred to in the next paragraph of the Report.

REVERSION OF LEASES.

On the 25/3/48 the lease of two houses reverted to the Council. The County Manager made an Order on the 8th July I948 to have the rents collected and the property insured, One of the Tenants, the Wexford County Council, paid the rent £II. 5. 0 for one year to 25/3/49 without a demand being sent to them. No rent has been demanded or received from the other tenant who had been paying the holder of the lease £9. 6. 9 per annum although the Council have paid the rates on this property since it reverted to them.

Clerk explained that both houses were examined by the County Engineer and the estimate of repairs required was considered sufficient to permit of the sale of the houses to the tenants an asset to the Council. The tenants offered £20 and the Council accepted subject to the legal formalities. The legal formalities were not at date completed. They were held up in the Solicitor's Office and the Local Government Department. In view of the sale it was difficult to understand a collection of rents which normally should be refunded the tenants.

CLERK'S SALARY - SURCHARGE OF £37. I0. 0 AND £50.

The report continued that a revised scale of inclusive salary was sanctioned to the Clerk as from the Ist Danuary I947 subject to the direction under Section 22 (I) of the Local Government Act, I94I. The Clerk did not sign the requisite consent prescribed by the Act and continued to pay himself fees. He took the two sums of £37. I0. 0 and £50 on account of arrears of the revised scale of inclusive salary.

Clerk explained that the County Manager by virtue of his powers prepared a scale of salaries for his Town Clerk's. For New Ross he fixed the scale of £300 x £20 to £550 inclusive of fees. The Department fixed the scale £300 X £I5 to £450 inclusive of fees. He manager subsequently altered the scale to £390 X £20 as the fees with the Clerk's existing salary of £200 plus fees was greater than £300. The Department agreed to £390 X £I5 to £450 plus bonus. So that he Clerk was due considerably more than he had been paid. Since then the consent was signed, under protest, and the Council still owed him money.

The Clerk further mentioned that his final salary after 20 years service is now the same as the commencing salary of the young man who has taken up the Town Clerkship of Enniscorthy plus increments and bonus.

FREE MILK SCHEME.

There was a surcharge of £4. I9. 9 paid to supplier under this scheme for I945/46. The Supplier was not an official Contractor and vouchers could not be produced to show that he supplied to qualified persons. Further there was no documentary evidence to show that the Council requested the supplier to supply.

Clerk explained the proceedure. In this instance advertisements in the press and by poster were issued asking for tenders. No tender was received. Mr. Butler the former Contractor was approached in his own house by the County Manager and the Medical Officer of Health to tender and he refused. The County Manager then approached Mr. Dooley who after lengthy interviews agreed to help the Manager out by tendering so long as the Manager provided him with a depot so as to avoid calls with the milk to the homes of the recipients. The Council could easily understand the anxiety of the Manager to continue the milk supply. As Mr. Dooley, on such short notice, could not be expected to provide the necessary

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herd the Manager prevailed on Mr. Butler to continue the supply meantime to the existing recipients. When a contract was entered into for the year's supply vouchers were printed with the Supplier's name on them. Obviously for the short period in which Mr. Butler supplied no such vouchers were issued. The persons entitled to the Free Milk would be without a supply for the period and the Manager was aware of the hardship this would cause.

SUMS DUE TO THE COUNCIL.

Wet-Time recoupment was outstanding.

Clerk explained that a sum of £I8 was recouped and lodged and further claims were in preparation.

The refund of Income Tax for the years I940 to I945 is with the Inspector of Taxes. The Claim for the remaining years should be made immediately.

Clerk explained the difficulty in this matter. Certain properties in the town were long since incorporated in various estates and the old names of the properties were only obtained by lengthy search through various Deeds. He received no remuneration for this work.

The system of Town Hall Lettings is unsatisfactory. There is no fixed rule of charge. There was no charge made for certain lettings. The Manager should review the position. No application for 2/6 fee had been made.

The report referred to expenses created for sewer and water connections. The County Manager, County Engineer and the Clerk agreed to put in a satisfactory system.

£I89. I3. 6 PAID FOR REPAIRS TO A DANGEROUS BUILDING.

This sum was expended by the Council under Section 75 of the Town's Improvement Clauses Act, I847 on repairs to a dangerous building and has not been recovered from the Owner. The Council should make every effort to recover the sum as provided by Section 76.

Clerk explained that the expenses were incurred by the Engineer after satisfying the Court that the Owner had not done the work within the Statutory period. The onus is on the Engineer and a very serious one. The recovery of the expenditure devolves on the Council through the County Manager. The Owner failed because he had not the money and could not procure it. The premises were mortgaged and the Manager sought to attack the Mortgager. The Solicitor and the Manager agreed that another Mortgage would only add to the sum already expended with even a long run hope of recuopement. However the matter of the second Mortgage is being further considered.

ALLOTMENTS.

The report commented on the non-payment of rents and the delay in seeking refunds from the various Departments of State. Two of the I947 rents were received during audit. For I947 £I92. 9. 6. I948 £245. I6. 3 and I949 £I28. I5. 0 were outstanding at Audit.

Clerk reported that the several sums were received and duly lodged.

WATER RENTS.

Of the 35 Consumers supplied on a meter basis only seven meter readings were available - all the remaining meters were stated to be out of order. The Manager should give this matter his attention. A report should be available to explain why any water rent ceases to be paid and submitted to the Manager before the rent is deleted. Arrears at the 3I/3/49 amounted to £83. II. II.

Clerk detailed the proceedure. During the war period it was not possibl

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possible to have the meters put into commission. In fact the Manager is at present considering the abolition of meters excepting in cases where the consumption was material. Almost all the meters referred to re corded over a number of years less consumption than the minimum and the minimum rate was duly charged.

INVESTMENTS.

The Auditor duly verified the investments.

OVERPAYMENTS DURING THE TWO YEARS.

The following sums were recovered during audit:-

Overpayment of Salaries £4. I9. 3.
Widows' & Orphans' Contributions £5. I2. 8.
Fuel Fees not lodged I/-
Allotments Rents not lodged 7/-.

Clerk explained that the transference of the Sanitary Inspector to the position of Health Inspector to the Wexford County Council took place after the Council had paid the monthly salary. The County Council paid in full and the Council were reimbursed.

STOCK RECORDS.

Records necessary were not kept by the Engineer. Such records should be kept and stock taken periodically.

Clerk intimated that the stocks carried normally were very small - most of the work was carried out by Contract. Owing to the number of changes in the office of Engineer and the increase in work the Stock Book was not up to date.

The County Managerinformed the Meeting that he would make the necessary Orders where required.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Mr. T. J. O'Connor, B.E., Consulting Engineer to the Council attended on the invitation of the Council in order to acquaint the New Council of the position at date of this schame. He gave the history of the scheme since he was called in as Consultant about four years ago and submitted relevant maps and correspondence.

The Council decided that there should be no more delay in starting the work and it was decided to appoint a Committee consisting of the Chairman, the County Manager, and Councillors T. Clarkin, R. Hamilton with the Town Clerk to interview the Minister for Local Government on the Ist November to obtain a grant and sanction to the work proposed by Mr. O'Connor.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

BY MR. CLARKIN.

That I will move or cause to be moved for me at the next available Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council as follows :-

"That Standing Orders be amended and the necessary sanction obtained to enable the Council Meeting to continue beyond 9.30 p.m., if necessary and that Meeting terminate on the passing of a Resolution that the business of the Meeting concludes."

BY MR. MURPHY.

That I will move or cause to be moved for me at the next available Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council the following :-

"That two Meetings of the New Ross Urban District Council be held

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each Month; the first on the first Tuesday of the month and the other on the third Tuesday of the month."

PURCHASE OF HOUSES AT IRISHTOWN FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

Report dated I7th October I950 was read from the Assistant Engineer submitting (I) map showing the location of each house (2) accommodation (3) report on water and sewer services (4) detailed estimate of cost and (5) his opinion that the eight houses owned by Mr. Martin Hanlon (subject of report) are quite suitable for reconstruction. Total cost £3947. I0. 0.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

Consideration was deferred sine. die.

THE MEETING ENDED

Thos Redmond
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TUESDAY 2Ist NOVEMBER I950.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council and to consider

(a) Notice of Motion by Mr. Clarkin that the Resolution of the Council governing the closure of the business of each Meeting at 9.30 o'clock be rescinded and

(b) Notice of Motion by Mr. O'Murchada that the Council resolve to hold two Meetings each month - one on the first Tuesday and the other on the third Tuesday.

Present:-

Mr. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Miss Ryan and Messrs. Hamilton, Reddy, Doherty, Dunphy, Clarkin and O'Murchada.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY and ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bennett, Charleton Hill.

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Reddy, a vote of condolence was passed to Councillor Bennett on the recent death of his mother.

Mrs. Deegan, Mary St.

Moved by Mr. O'Murchada,
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin, a vote of condolence was passed to Mr. Bartholomew Deegan on the death of his wife.

Mr. Richard Murphy, Michael Street.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Miss Ryan a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. R. Murphy on death of his father.

Very Revd. Bro. Noonan - Superior General Irish Christian Brothers

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin, a vote of sympath was passed to the Reverend Superior P.J. Dooley New Ross Community on the death of his Superior General.

Standing Orders having been suspended it was decided to adjourn the business of the Meeting to next Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

THURSDAY, the 23rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1950

An adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock pursuant to the decision of the Council dated 21st inst.

Present :-

Mr. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Miss Ryan and Messrs. Reddy, Doherty, Clarkin, O'Murchada, Dunphy and Hamilton.

The Minutes of the two prior Meetings were read and confirmed excepting the Minute relative to the Auditors Report which was taken as read.

Arising thereout:-

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Waterworks Improvement Scheme

Mr. Clarkin intimated his inability to attend the conference with the Minister.

Mr. Doherty was appointed in his place.

Co. Vocational Education Committee.

Letter dated 19- 11 - 50 was read from Fr. Keating C. C. New Ross intimating that he could not accept the office.

On the motion of Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

The Chairman of the Council was appointed.

Pension for Miss Annie O'Brien, late Portress.

Letter dated 18/9/50 was read from Miss O'Brien requesting the Council to grant her a gratuity or pension for her services on her resignation due to ill health. She held the position from 28th August 1913 and had a 37 year service.

The County Manager intimated that he could not make any grant but in view of the long service if the Council resolved to do something in the matter he would make an Order subject to sanction of the Minister.

Proposed by Mr. Hamilton,
Seconded by Mr. O'Murchada, it was unanimously agreed to allow a pension of 15/- per week from the date of cessation of office.

Referred to Co. Manager.

Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts 1932 to 1950

Circular H. 67/50 dated 23rd October, 1950 was read from the Department of Local Government.

The County Manager detailed the extent of the accompanying Statutory Instrument S.I. No. 267 of 1950 Housing (New Houses) Regulations 1950.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by the Chair, it was decided to provide copies for the Members.

Repairs to Houses - Ranges etc.

Several complaints were made during the discussion on the repairs needed to various houses and ranges required.

Referred to Co. Manager.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

Extension of time limit of Meetings.

By Mr. Clarkin

"That the Resolution of the Council limiting the Council Meetings to 9.30 o'clock be rescinded and that Council Meetings commence at 7.30 o'clock p.m. and conclude when the business before the Meeting is desposed of or on the passing of a resolution to conclude the Meeting"

Standing Orders having been suspended on a show of hands 6 to 2.

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Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, the motion was carried.

TWO MEETINGS IN THE MONTH

By Mr. O'Murchada

Town Clerk having quoted Section 40 Towns Improvement (Clauses) Act 1874 and the subsequent section re Special Meetings.

Mr. Murphy withdrew his notice and handed in a new notice moving the election of a General Purposes Committee of the whole Council.

It was decided that in future resolutions from outside bodies be notified to the members as well as any special business.

LETTING OF HOUSES AT CHARLETON HILL.

County Manager submitted a list of nineteen proposed tenants selected by him for the comments of the Council.

It was suggested that the Manager make provision for the accomodation of at least three of the houses for persons who intended to get married in the immediate future.

PLAN FOR FUTURE HOUSING SCHEMES

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Department had intimated by 'phone anxiety that the Council might consider this matter to fill the housing needs of the town.

Agreed - and referred to County Manager.

IRISH DRIVER HARRIS Ltd. NEW ROSS.

Chairman intimated he understood there was a movement on foot to start a like factory in Dublin. The New Ross Factory afforded employment to 150 people and the erection of a similar factory - particularly in or near Dublin - must militate against further improvement in our factory and might easily cause a reduction in employment.

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by T. Reddy,

"That we, the Urban District Council of New Ross, have heard with grave concern that there is a likelihood of the establishment of another factory for the manufacture of cables in this country.
We understand that the New Ross Factory is, and has been, meeting the full needs of the country for some considerable time past.
It is further believed that if work were to be set up for the complete manufacture of electric cables in any other part of this country the effect could only be to reduce employment in New Ross for many married male adult employees.
At present 150 New Ross citizens find employment in the Driver Harris Factory and we look to an increase rather than a decrease of this employment.

That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Industry & Commerce and the Industrial Development Authority, Dublin."

Passed Unamimously;

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Retiring Gratuity to National Teachers

Proposed by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by the Chair , + adopted.

"That we the members of the New Ross Urban District Council hereby support the just demand of all retired teachers in their claim; that the Retiring Gratuity awarded to teachers who retired subsequent to the 1/1/1950, be also provided for those who had already retired before that date, inasmuch as they rendered like service over these same years.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

By Dublin County Council.

This resolution referring to Careless driving of mechanically Propelled Vehicles was read.

No Order.

By Drogheda Corporation

This resolution, requesting the Minister to introduce legislation to fix a figure of £6 as the maximum Poor Law Valuation for houses erected by the Local Authority since the year 1948.

Deferred pending circulation of a copy of the resolution to the members of the Council.

By Bray Urban Council
Travelling Shops.

This resolution requesting the Minister for Industry & Commerce to establish a Tribunial to investigate this problem was marked read.

By Sligo Corporation

This resolution re the hardship to employees, established servants of a Local Authority, requiring payment of Unemployment & National Health Insurance in addition to Supperanuation contribution was marked read.

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By Arklow Urban Council

This resolution suggesting powers to Local Authorities to control the erection of advertisement hoardings adjoining public road was read. Clerk intimated that the Council, if they passed Bye-laws could in law control this.

No. Order.

By Dublin County Council.

This resolution deeming the aims and objects of the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship of Ireland to be worthy of support call on the Government to introduce legislation to implement the object of the

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Association noting that the White Paper on Social Welfare Bill excludes remedies for the conditions of the disabled.

The County Manager detailed the experience of the compat of this disease in the County and stated that he had received very congratulatory reports of the doctors and nurses in the County Fever Hospital in New Ross.

No Order.

The Meeting Ended.

Thos Redmond

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TUESDAY, the 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1950

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this day to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council and to consider a motion by Mr. Murphy that a Committee of the whole Council meet on every first Wednesday of the month.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Redmond, presiding, Miss Ryan, and Messrs. M. Doherty, M. Reddy, T. Murphy, M. Dunphy and R. Hamilton.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Moved by Mr. Reddy,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was agreed that a vote of condolence be passed to he Chairman of the Council on the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Redmond, Mystern.

SCAVENGING WAGES- Increase

Replying to Mr. Hamilton, Mr. McDermott, County Secretary, in the absence on duty in Dublin of the County Manager, stated that the County Manager instructed him to apply the rate of wages paid by the New Ross Tanning Company i. e. £4. 8. 0 per week to the Council's staff from the 6th April, 1950.

Moved by Mr. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton and agreed

"That the Council provide the money requisite to pay the Scavenging staff an increase of wages making £4. 8. 0. per week from the 6th April, 1950 and that the County Manager make provision for same in next Estimates.

RELIEF WORK -- INCREASE WAGES

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the rate of wages paid to the men engaged on the Christmas Relief work i.e. 1/6 per hour as against 1/10 per hour paid by the Enniscorthy Urban District Council.

He suggested that the men be paid the Enniscorthy rate and that it be paid retrospectively.

Chairman reminded the Meeting that any increase in the cost of wages or materials would shorten the job.

The County Secretary advised the Council to, if they wished, increase the mens wages subject to the possibility of funds remaining to the credit of the scheme.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was agreed to pay the men the Enniscorthy rate now and if funds permitted to pay the back money even if the work on the Scheme should terminate.

IRISH DRIVER HARRIS

Letters were read from the Department of Industry & Commerce, and the Industrial Development Authority acknowledging the Council's resolution objecting to the erection of a cable factory in Dublin.

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COMMITTEE MEETING - 1st Wednesday of the month

Moved by Mr. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy it was agreed that a Committee Meeting of the entire Council be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

CHARLETON HILL & NUNNERY LANE HOUSING SCHEMES

Arising out of the Monthly Report of the Engineer - Mr. Forde - Mr. McDermott replying to Mr. Murphy informed the Council that the Engineer was, under the County Manager, responsible for the erection of the houses and so has employed a foreman on each scheme.

The County Manager's attitude is not to interfere in any arrangements made by the Engineer. He, Mr. McDermott, had no present information in connection with any of the appointments.

The Chairman suggested that the matter be postponed to the Committee Meeting to be held on the 1st Wednesday in January and that Mr. Forde be instructed by the County Manager to attend.

This was agreed to.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Letter was read from the Department of Local Government suggesting inter alia, complete renewal of all mains to Rosbercon as urgently necessary, as the major scheme will take considerable time to complete. The pipe crossing the river to Rosbercon should be taken over the bridge. At the opening span the main might be taken on the river bed.

It was decided to (1) refer the letter to the Consulting Engineer, (2) and to request immediate proposals from him as regards (a) provision of an 8" main from Dranagh (b) the laying of new main at Rosbercon, and it was further decided to advise the County Manager to go ahead with the Rosbercon section.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACTS.
Parking of Cars.

Complaints were received that cars parking on the streets were an inconvenience. The Guards were unable to act in the way of providing a parking place on the quay without the aughority of a Council Bye-law under the Acts.

It was agreed to request Sergt. Motherway to meet the Council to discuss the position.

EXTRA PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Several members advocated new lights at avrious places and on the Town Clock.

Referred to County Manager.

T. Redmond.

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TUESDAY THE 16th day of JANUARY, 1951

The monthly meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT: All the members of the Council, Mr. Murphy, Vice-chairman presided and later Mr. Redmond Chairman presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Mr. Chairman on his own behalf and the members of the Council extended a welcome back to Mr. Reddy after his recent illness.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.
Superintendent Martin Feeney, Garda Siochana, New Ross.

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Doherty, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs. Feeney and family on the death of the Superintendant who held for years this important post and graced it with distinction.

Mrs. Flanagan - Cross Lane

Moved by Mr. Murphy, a like vote was passed to Mr. Flanagan and his family on the death of Mrs. Flanagan.

Mr. Forde, Wexford.

Moved by the Chair, a vote of condolence was passed to Mr. J. Forde, B.E. Clerk of Works to the Charleton Hill Housing Scheme on the death of his father.

Mr. McDermott, County Secretary on behalf of the County Manager and the staff of the Council joined in the votes.

The Council, as usual, observed a few minutes silence - all standing.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting the County Manager was represented by the County Secretary. Mr. Sinnott had to leave the Chamber at 5 o'clock to prepare for an interview in Dublin on very important business on the morrow.

PUBLIC INQUIRY - WEXFORD BRIDGE.

Letter R.G./37/1 dated Eanair 1951 was read from the Department informing the Council of the appointment of Mr. Bloomer, B.E., to hold a public enquiry into the application of the Wexford Council for a Bridge order in respect of the construction of a new bridge at Wexford. The Inquiry would be held on the 23rd.

The County Secretary informed the Council that no matter what happened their commitments would not exceed the ordinary road charges.

It was decided nem. con.

No action.

Naming of New Streets and part of old ones
Petition from Residents of Council houses at
present known as erected from 51 to 76 Charleton Hill.

This petition dated 21 November 1950 was read intimating that the residents require the naming of the street now known as Charleton Hill to St. Alban's Road and requesting the numbering of their houses accordingly.

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Several Councillors agreed with the Petitioners that postal and other difficulties daily arise due to their addresses being not more particularised.

On the suggestion of the Chair it was decided to request the County Manager to instruct the Engineer to undertake the work and to submit his proposals to the Council.

HOUSING.
Charleton Hill Scheme.

Dated 16th January 1951 Mr. Murphy, B.E. submitted his report to the County Manager which was read to the meeting on his order as follows: - Development Roads, sewers and watermains completed. Building Blocks 1 to 6 complete. No 7.Plumbing to complete 8 and 9 Painting and Plumbing to complete 10 and 11 Plastering painting and plumbing to complete. Total employed 28. Completkon of scheme will be retarded as only one plumber is possible at present.

Nunnery Lane Scheme

Development: Excavation for road completed and ready for rolling, site clearance in progress. Building: Excavations for foundations in progress. Shuttering being prepared. 42 no. external door frames preparied. Employed 17.

Mr. Dunphy complained of trespass through his grounds and suggested that a barrier be provided.

Agreed to recommend same to Co. Manager.

Recommendations of Committee

This Meeting was held on 3rd January 1951. Arising thereout (1) Clerk intimated that the County Manager saw no objection to having his Orders on the table for each Committee Meeting so long as it facilitated the Council. (2) Mr. McDermott detailed the costs of the Irishtown and Charleton Hill Housing Schemes to 31 December 1950 (3) In view of Mr. Clarkin's objection to the statement in the report of the committee that no further progress be made in housing operations by direct labour pending receipt by the Council of the figures detailed in no. 2 this was deleted from the report as it was not his intention or that of the Council to hold up work on the Housing Schemes by direct labour. (4) After a lengthy discussion on the exact status of Mr. Peter Hanlon, foreman on the housing schemes it was decided to postpone a decision pending the attendance of the County Manager so as to ascertain (a) if the appointment was in accordance with the Department's circular and (b) Mr. Hanlons qualifications to act as foreman.

Mr. McDermott informed the Council that both Mr. Hanlon and Mr. John Kehoe were appointed on the recommendation of the Housing Engineer. The positiond were not advertised and no complaints of the appointments were received by him (Manager) from the Engineer. Mr. Forde, B.E. was appointed by the County Manager and his appointment was sanctioned by the Department.

Mr. Clarkin intimated that because no complaints were received from the Engineer it did not follow that complaints had been or could be made. He suggested that the men employed on the scheme should be in a position to complain, direct to the County Manager.

Mr. Redmond suggested that complaints could be made through the men's Union.

County Secretary intimated that he could see reason in complaining to the Manager in cases of serious matter but doubted the wisdom of involving the Manager in minor matters.

Decided to leave this question over for the attendance of the Co. Manager on the suggestion of the Chair.

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The County Secretary then gave the percentages requested in the Committees' recomendations viz. 7.28 Charleton Hill 7% Irishtown 9. 1 Enniscorthy (8 houses) Wexford 6½ (72 houses).

Houghton Place Scheme.

Replying to Mr. Dunphy, the County Secretary informed the Meeting of the present position. New plans were being prepared as required by the Department. There would be no hold-up on this scheme over the acquisition of the site.

Nunnery Lane Scheme.

Adverting to the progress on this scheme the County Secretary replying to Mr. Dunphy gave the opinion that there was no legal obligation on the Council to invite tenders for the erection of houses when the Council is satisfied that the cost of erection by direct labour is and in view of the importance of maintaining the organization. The cost of the work carried out by direct labour so far compared favourably with tenders received but the Council were at liberty to revet to contract work. This might result in obtaining a more favourable price for the time being but the direct labour organisation would be broken up.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by the Chair, it was agreed that the Council undertake the erection of twenty bungalows at Nunnery Lane site by direct labour and that the County Manager make the necessary provision accordingly - Miss Ryan and Mr. Dunphy dissenting.

CROSS LANE DUMP.

Mr. Murphy again drew attention to this matter.

Decided to request the County Manager to instruct the Engineer to report on same.

WATERWORKS

Attention was drawn to the application by Mrs. Bent, Quay for permission to break the concrete road to enable her to provide water to a bath in her house.

Referred to County Manager.

ELECTION OF TENANTS TO CHARLETON HILL (22) HOUSES

It was agreed to recommend the County Manager to give the next two houses when available to applicants M. Druhan and T. O'Brien.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY MISS RYAN

Miss Ryan handed in notice of her intention to move or cause to be moved for her at the next available meeting of the Council,

"That the Council casider the necessity for the provision of a 20 ton weigh-bridge within the Urban area to be erected on the Quay".

VACANT HOUSE, J.K.L.

Several members advocated that house No. be given to Mr. Purcell who is living in one room and paying 4/- per week rent for it.

Referred to County Manager.

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MOTION BY MR. MURPHY
Dutch Invasion of Northern Ireland

Proposed by Mr. Murphy,
Seconded By Mr. Clarkin and adopted,

"That we, the New Ross Urban District Council view with deep concern, the irresponsible attitude of the British Government in inviting the Dutch Air Force, to utilise our territory, part of the Irish Republic, held by force by Britian, and that we strongly protest to the Netherland Government in not adhering to the wishes of the Irish Government".

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY the 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1951

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council and the following Special Business of which due notice was given, viz:-

(1) Notice by Councillor Miss Ryan -"that the Council provide a 20 ton weighbridge as a public amenity.

(2) Scheme for sale of the Council's interest in the eight houses at Town Wall erected in 1924.

(3) Recommendations of Council's Committee Meeting held on the 7th instant.

(4) Various Resolutions from other Public Bodies (detailed in Summons).

PRESENT:- Mr. McDermott, Secretary, Wexford County Council, acting for the County Manager, Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman of the Council presiding, Miss Nancy Ryan and all the other members of the Council.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

Mr. Reddy objected that the Minutes were not complete in so far as no record appeared about a point he raised relative to Public Lighting.

The Chairman explained that the record was not necessary since the Council had already decided to discuss the Public Lighting of the Town on the Estimates.

The Minutes were then signed.

COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMENDATIONS

This Meeting was held on Monday the 7th day of February 1951 pursuant to the Resolution of the Council dated 19th December, 1950.

Proposed by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Doherty, the recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

The Clerk intimated that copies of the Standing Orders were now available and that each Councillor had received a copy.

Copies of the Auditors Reports on his last Audit had been made available by the County Manager and each Councillor had received a copy with the notice convening this Meeting.

RE-NUMBERING OF HOUSES AT CHARLETON HILL.

Mr. O'Regan, B.E. Assistant County Engineer submitted his sketch showing the location of all the houses in the Charleton Hill district.

Decided that a copy of the sketch and copy of the Engineer's letter be furnished to each Councillor for consideration at next Meeting.

(1) Additional Public Lighting at Haughton Place.
(2) Surface of Pathway at Rosbercon Hill.
(3) Faulty lighting at School House Road near Dr. Fitzgerald's gate.

The Clerk proceeded to read above and on the decision of the Chairman the reports from the Engineer were not read although Mr. McDermott had ordered that same be read to the Council.

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NUNNERY LANE HOUSING SCHEME

Report dated 19th February 1951 was read from Mr. Murphy, Housing Engineer as follows:-

" A. Development

Road ready for concreting. Screeds being laid. Excavation for sewer in progress. Site clearance also in progress.

B. Building Progress:

Block	1.	At rising walls.
"	2.	Up to damp proof course.
"	4.	Foundations in progress.
"	5.	do.

External and internal door frames being made.

C. Labour Employed.

Carpenters	-	6 no.
Labourers	-	15 no.
Carter	-	1 no.
Watchmen	-	2 no.
Foreman.	-	1 no.
Total:		25 "

CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME.

Report dated 19th February 1951 was read from Mr. Murphy, Housing Engineer as follows:-

A. Development:

Division fencing being completed. All else complete.

B. Building Progress:

Block	1.	Complete.
"	2.	do.
"	3.	do.
"	4.	do.
"	5.	do.
"	6.	do.
"	7.	do.
"	8.	Plumbing and painting to complete.
"	9.	do.
"	10.	Plastering, do.
"	11.	Plumbing and painting to complete.

C. Labour Employed:

Charge-hand Carpenter	1 no.
Apprentice do.	1 no.
Mason	1 no.
Plasterer	1 no.
Painter	1 no.
Plumber	1 no.
Labourers	8 no.
Watchmen	2
Total:	16 "

D. Remarks:

The plumbing work is retarding completion of scheme"

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CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME.
Laying off of employees.

Report dated 19th February, 1951 was read from Mr. Murphy, B.E., Housing Engineer as follows:-

"Due to the fact that work on the above scheme is nearing completion I found it necessary to lay off the following employees:-

Thomas Hughes - Plasterer.
Thos. Bailey (Senr.) -Painter.
John Ryan - Painter. "

On Mr. Clarkin's request the Chairman decided that the Council could discuss any matter relevant to the conduct of the schemes.

Clerk in reply to Mr. Clarkin reported that Department sanction to the Nunnery Lane Housing Scheme had not been received. Plans etc. had been forwarded to the Department immediately on receipt from the Architect.

Mr. McDermott informed the Council that once the County Manager gives instructions the work must be proceeded with. He had given such instructions in this matter.

Replying to Mr. Hamilton Clerk detailed the negotiations relative to way-leaves for sewer and water mains through the properties in the occupation of Mr. Martin Whelan and Mr. Kelly. The Council had statutory powers to run the mains. No opposition was anticipated.

HOUSING SCHEMES IN GENERAL

Mr. Clarkin intimated that from his information which he believed was creditable the general conduct of these schemes requires investigation. The circular from the Department relating to the appointment of Clerk of Works, Costing Clerk and Foreman should be available to the Council. He was satisfied that the only way to clarify the position and to settle the various complaints he received was by a Public Sworn Inquiry.

Mr. McDermott pointed out that all employees were duly sanctioned by the County Manager on the recommendation of the Engineer in charge of the schemes. Suitability and former experience were taken into account and where required Engineering qualifications. A foreman was usually a tradesman - a carpenter was always favoured.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy,

"That the Council go into Committee to consider the whole position arising out of complaints received by him on the proper conduct of the schemes and that the Committee consider the necessity for the attendance of the legal advisor to the Council for consultation and advice as to the necessity for an Inquiry by the Department".

Mr. Reddy spoke against the Council going into committee. The Council were elected by the people and they should not be excluded from matters that concern them.

Chairman reminded the Council that a Committee Meeting was due on the first Wednesday of the month and suggested that Mr. Clarkin's motion might be withdrawn. He was agreeable to have the Law Advisor present. At the same time in his opinion, the Council should be fully informed of the reasons for Mr. Clarkin's motion to ask the Government to hold a Sworn Inquiry before committing the Council to such a decision.

Decided:- Adjourn to next General Purposes Committee for recommendation and that the Law Advisor be instructed to attend it.

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PROVISION OF A 20 ton WEIGHBRIDGE

Moved by Miss Ryan,
Seconded by M. Hamilton,

"That the Council consider the necessity for the provision of a 20 ton weighbridge within the Urban Area to be erected on the Quay".

Moving the motion Miss Ryan gave details contending the necessity for this weighbridge as an economic asset to the town. Several merchants had assured her of support from their firms.

Chairman pointed out that the Council had no information as to the cost or the location of the proposed scales and as no provision could be made in the estimates without this information he suggested that such information be obtained.

Eventually after a lengthy discussion,

Proposed by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided that the Council erect a 20 ton Weighbridge provided the cost is not probibitive and that the scales be erected on a suitable site within the Urban District.

SALE OF EIGHT HOUSES AT TOWN WALL
TO EXISTING TENANTS.

Application was read from Garda Martin Dwyer, a tenant of one of the houses on behalf of the other tenants and himself that the Council consider the sale of their houses to them and the terms of such sale.

Clerk read a letter from the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy to the Department of Local Government detailing the terms fixed by the County Manager under which the tenants of similar houses in Enniscorthy proposed to purchase their Councils' interest which awaited sanction.

Mr. McDermott advised the Council to first decide that a Purchase Scheme be prepared by the County Manager. The New Ross terms would not be on all fours with Enniscorthy. Various matters had to be considered not applicable to Enniscorthy.

Referred to County Manager.

Case of Guard Feehan

Arising out of the foregoing, several members objected to the County Manager's attitude towards the vacancy in this case. Guard Feehan had been transferred elsewhere by his Superiors and still held the key of his house at No. Town Wall. The Manager should take up possession- even though the key was not surrendered - and advertise the tenancy particularly having in view the dearth of housing accomodation in the town.

Clerk reported that notice of termination of tenancy had been passed on the Guard to expire on the 28th February, 1951 on the ground of non-occupancy. This was done immediately the Manager was made acquainted of the facts on a written report of the Rent Collector.

Mr. Clarkin objected in the present instance. The Guard occupied his house for a number of years and was transferred by his Authorities. He intended to return to the town in or about April and continue residence in the town. Now that a Purchase Scheme was mooted it would only be reasonable of the Council to allow the Guard to take advantage of it instead of a new tenant.

Moved By Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Doherty, it was decided to recommend the County Manager to delay action on his Order pending the

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outcome of the Purchase Scheme.

Mr. McDermott informed the Meetinf that such a new tenant could not participate in the scheme.

HAUGHTON PLACE HOUSING SCHEME.

In view of the excessive delay in the operation of this scheme of three houses.

On the motion of Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided to request the County Manager the lay the file in the matter before next Council Meeting.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The delay in the start of this scheme,and particularly the Rosbercon section, was voiced.

Decided to request the Consulting Engineer to expedite the work.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES

Attention was drawn to repairs immediately required at houses no. 17 and 20 Ard-Na-Griene.

Referred to County Manager.

Vacant House - Tenant late Mrs. Breen, Cross Lane.

Mr. Murphy notified the Council that this house was vacant and should be advertised.

Referred to County Manager with the recommendation that the Rent Collector should immediately report vacant houses and they should be advertised.

Mr. McDermott informed the Meeting that the Collector invariably reports such matters to the County Manager.

ARBOUR WEEK.

Mr. Murphy suggested that a special meeting be convened to consider the Councils participation in Arbour Week which starts on the 12th March, 1951.

The Chairman and several members agreed.

NO ACTION.

HANDBALL ALLEY

Mr. Murphy informed the Meeting that it was proposed to build an alley in the town and the site provisionally arranged was in Barrack Lane. He requested the Council to give the Committee a site in the lane free. Mr. McDermott advised that it would be cheaper and in the interests of all concerned if the Council entered into an Agreement with the Committee to lease or rent the site at a nominal rent. The transfer of property from the Council was laborious and costly as well as involving much delay.

Referred to County Manager.

NOTE: No written application in this connection was received from any Committee.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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TUESDAY THE 20th DAY OF MARCH I95I.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present :- Mr. T. Murphy, Vice-Chairman, presiding, and Messrs T. Clarkin, M. Dunphy, M. Reddy and M. Doherty with the County Manager.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Committee of the Council dated 7th March I95I was read.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Reddy the recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

Arising thereout :-

SWORN PUBLIC INQUIRY.

IRISHTOWN AND CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEMES.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND GENERAL.

Mr. Clarkin intimated that he couls not agree with the direction of the County Manager.

I. He had legal opinion that the Council was privileged in investigating the conduct of any official or servant of the Council at a Council Meeting and in any inquiry as to the method of purchasing materials.

2. The report of the Chief Assistant Engineer was not sufficient to enable the County Manager to determine the cause of any Public Sworn Inquiry.

He was not satisfied as to
(a) The justification for the appointment of the Costing Clerk.

(b) That Mr. Hanlon was carefully selected as his appointment was not, in his opinion, in accordance with the Department's recommendations.

(c) There was no justification for the change of Mr. Hanlon from a working foreman to a General Foreman.

(d) The costs of supervision given the Council at 7½% could be doubled.

(e) The Council was misdirected in matters generally and adequate cause has not been given for departure from the Department's Circulars.

(f) Close attendance by the Clerk of Works does not need a storekeeper.

(g) The best men were not selected. delete.

It was pointed out that the Wexford Scheme of I50 houses a Clerk of Works, a Costing Clerk, a Storekeeper, two Foremen and two Working Foremen were employed.

It was decided that Mr. Clarkin submit all queries to the County Manager.

PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE - Site.

Moved by Miss Ryan
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton "That the new 20 ton Weighbridge be erected

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on the site of the existing weighbridge on the Quay as there was an office there and it was the most suitable site."

Moved by Mr. Reddy

"That the Irishtown be selected."

No seconder.

Moved by Mr. Doherty "

"That Rosbercon be selected."

No seconder.

It was decided to select the Quay site.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME - WINTER I95I.

Letter dated I0th March I95I was read from the Department of Social Welfare that " It is not the usual practice to meet the cost of delivery of fuel to the homes of the recipients."

Town Clerk intimated that that although this matter was a Managerial function the County Manager decidec to obtain the wishes of the Council. If the Council decided he would alter his order to in future fix the cost to the recipient ex Contractor's yard. If the Council decided otherwise the Council would be responsible for the cost of transport.

No action.

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Moved by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton it was decided to appoint a Sub-Committee - Mr. Murphy, Mr. Dogherty, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Reddy with the Engineer to survey the town on tomorrow with a view to the provision of further lighting.

NEW DUST CART.

In view of the new Public Health Laws it was decided to recommend the County Manager to purchase a new cart to comply with the Regulations.

NUNNERY LANE HOUSES.

Mr. Murphy, B.E., submitted a Priority List of labourers seeking employment.

RE-NUMBERING OF HOUSES - CHARLETON HILL.

Town Clerk intimated that he had handed a copy of the Engineer's recommendations in this matter and his suggestions for naming this place as well as his plan to each Member.

County Manager suggested that any naming might be in Irish.

Letter dated I2th March I95I was read from Mr. Patrick Cleary, Old I.R.A. Memorial Assòciation requesting "The Council when naming the present housing scheme to name one of the streets O'Hanrahan - to commemorate the memory of Michael O'Hanlon executed in I9I6."

Referred to next Meeting.

SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME.

Circular F.R. 28/II5 dated Eanair I95I was read from the Department

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of Industry & Commerce "That it has been found necessary, after consultation with the Minister for ~~Industry and Commerce~~ Agriculture to terminate as from Ist February I95I the scheme whereby allowances of subsidised flour and bread have been made available for the provision of school Meals" ... "Flour of 75% extraction and bread made therefrom may be purchased without limit. "

Agreed to provide the difference in next estimates.

PUBLIC WATER ANALYSIS.

Report dated 8th March I95I was read from the Chief Medical Officer that the result of the bacteriological examination was satisfactory.

Noted.

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.

NO DISSATISFACTION BY MEMBERS OF EXISTING EMPLOYMENT.

Under dated I9th March I95I the following letter directed to the County Manager was, with his permission, read :-

"We, the undersigned workers employed on the Direct Labour Scheme of new houses in New Ross, in view of rumours that the workers are dissatisfied with the system of employing men and the placing of men on particular jobs, deny that we have at any time, given anyone authority to speak on our behalf except our Union Representatives, if at any time in the future, we, the workers have any complaint as regards wages or working conditions, it will be made in a proper manner through our shop stewards and the Union Representative.

Signed :- James O'Leary, John Hunt, Patrick Fortune, Nicholas Furness, Nicholas McHugh, Martin Kehoe, Patrick Meaney, E. Ledger, Michael Grace, Thomas Cahill Thomas Hughes, William Carthy, Sylvester O'Leary, E. O'Callaghan, P. Malone, Stephen Gorman, J. Allen, W. Maddock, James Walsh.

Noted.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

SKIBBEREEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

This Resolution requesting the Government to legally bind the findings of the Labour Court was marked "read".

BIRR URBAN COUNCIL.

This Resolution advocating legislation for the purchase of houses by tenants under the Labourers Act I936 was read.

No action.

TRALEE URBAN COUNCIL.

This Resolution supporting the claim of the pro-I950 pensioned National Teachers to the retiring gratuity paid to all other Government Pensioners was passed.

TRIM URBAN COUNCIL.

This Resolution requesting the Minister for Industry & Commerce to provide a more suitable terminus together with proper waiting rooms at Astons Quay, Dublin, for passengers on the bus service was marked "read".

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FRIDAY THE 30th MARCH I95I.

ESTIMATES MEETING.

The Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Messrs M. Dunphy, T. Murphy, T. Clarkin, E. Bennett, M. Dogherty and R. Hamilton.

The County Manager attended and submitted his explanatory statement on the Estimates with a detailed schedule of Estimated Expenditure and Receipts for the services of the year ending on the 3Ist March I952.

EXPENDITURE. £I7930.

Urban Roads	£825.
Sanitary Services	£3673
Housing	£82I2
General Urban Purposes	£5220.

RECEIPTS.

Sanitary	£435
General Urban Purposes	£2243
Housing	£6I88.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND.

Roads	£448.	7.	I
Public Assistance	£2837.	I.	II
Mental Hospital	£I430.	7.	8
Health	£533.	9.	7
General Purposes	£I534.	0.	0

The County Manager intimated that on reconsideration of the Estimates he had decided to increase the estimated receipts by £I00 for scavenging the main roads and charge it to the County Council; by £52 as a charge on the County Council for the use of the office in the Tholsel and to take credit for £400 generally, He would reduce the estimated expenditure on capital interest by £300 leaving sufficient to meet this item for the year. It lay with the Council to consider whether their recommendations to him for the provision of a new weighbridge, extra public lighting and the increase in repairs to dwellings should stand.

After a discussion it was decided :-

I. To provide the Weighbridge.

2. To reduce the repairs to dwellings by £400

3. To make provision for £I00 per annum for three years towards the cost of extra public lighting and

4. To provide a Municipal Rate of £I. 7. 5 in the £ for the coming financial year.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Dunphy, T. Clarkin, M. Doherty, M. Reddy and R. Hamilton.

Mr. McDermott, Deputy County Manager represented the County Manager who was ill.

PRESENTATION TO MRS RYAN.

Chairman having congratulated Councillor Mrs. Ryan on her recent marriage Town Clerk read the Address from the Council to Mrs. Ryan as follows :-

"We, the Chairman, County Manager and Members of the New Ross Urban District Council, desire to record our special pleasure in tendering to you congratulations on your marriage and to convey our felicitations for increasing happiness in your married life.

The occasion is unique in that you are the first lady Councillor to afford the New Ross Urban District Council such an opportunity - thus enhancing the annals of our town.

We trust that you will accept our accompanying gift in the spirit of comradeship in which it is presented and that it will continue to remind you of our sincerity for your serene future and prosperity."

Chairman then handed the Address and Canteen of Cutlery to Mrs. Ryan.

Mrs. Ryan suitably replied.

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 4th April last were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Estimates Meeting of the Council were on the motion of Mr. Reddy, seconded by Mr. Dunphy, read and confirmed.

OBJECTION TO MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Statutory Meeting were read.

Mr. Clarkin objected to the signing of the Minutes and in particular because in his opinion the Minute under the heading of Sworn Public Inquiry and sub-heads of Irishtown and Charleton Hill Housing Schemes and Appointment of Officers and General did not represent the facts. He agreed the decision that he, Mr. Clarkin, was to submit all queries in writing to the County Manager was in order.

Chairman having read out each item of this minute, stated as he was not present at the Meeting referred to he could only invoke Standing Orders to ascertain the opinion of the Members who were present at the Meeting.

Mr. Dunphy stated he would agree to the signing of the Minutes provided paragraph (g) of the Minute referred to by Mr. Clarkin was deleted.

Voting :-

For the signing of the Minutes :- Messrs Reddy and Doherty

Against:- Messrs Clarkin and Dunphy.

The Council having decided to delete paragraph (g) i.e. " The best

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men were not selected".

Mr. Dunphy agreed to the confirmation of the Minutes.

There were no vote thereafter.

PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE.

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was decided to apply to the Department of Local Government for a grant of 50% towards the provision of a 20 ton weighbridge to be erected on the site of the existing weighbridge.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME.

Correspondence was read relative to the cost of transport of fuel to the homes of the recipients. Clerk intimated the County Manager was keen on the old system of providing the fuel direct to the Recipients homes and considered the scheme of a Government one unrelated to the Council's rates.

No Order.

HOUSING COSTS.

On Mr. Clarkin's representations the Deputy Manager agreed to have prepared and submitted to the next Committee Meeting of the Council detailed comparative figures hereunder.

Mr. Dunphy protested that the housing schemes in New Ross by direct labour is a failure.

ADVERTISING FOR HOUSING MATERIALS.

Replying to Mr. Clarkin the Deputy County Manager informed the Meeting that so far as obtaining housing materials the Council was already informed the materials were obtained wherever possible in the present state of the markets.

SCAVENGING OF NEW ROAD - CHARLETON HILL

The Deputy Manager informed the Meeting that he would attend to the complaint that this area was not cleansed.

WATER SUPPLY ON FAIR MORNINGS.

The Deputy Manager informed the Meeting that he would investigate the possibility of having the water supply available on Fair Mornings.

SATISFACTORY WATER SUPPLY.

The Deputy Manager informed the Meeting that he would attend to the Council's request for an explanation of the present satisfactory water supply to the town notwithstanding that nothing had been expended to cause the present satisfactory condition of the service.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Memorial dated I7th April I95I addressed to Mr. Redmond, Chairman of the Council from five residents of Schoolhouse Road, Rosbercon, objecting to any change in the light from the immediate vicinity of St. Canice's School, was read.

No order.

Letter dated I6th April I95I was read from the Electricity Supply Board relative to the provision of two public lamps at Waterford Road regretting inability to tender due to non-availability of materials.

No. order.

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Miss Annie O'Brien's Pension.

Letter dated I9th March I95I addressed to the Presiding Chairman was read herein.

Clerk informed the Meeting the subject matter was at the moment in the hands of the office and the Department.

Adjourned.

CAR PARKING.

Letter dated 9th April I95I was read from the Inspector, Superintendents Office, requesting the Council to delay further progress re Byelaws pending the advent of Superintendent O'Brien.

Adjourned.

HOUSING

PROGRESS REPORT.

The Following report was read from Mr. M. Murphy, Engineer:-

NUNNERY LANE SCHEME

"The following is report on the progress of the above Scheme to date :-

A. Development :-

Concrete roadway laid. Site clearance in progress.

B. Building Progress

Block I.	At external walling.	To joist level.
" 2.	do.	Ready to fill to joist level.
" 4.	Upp to damp proof course	
" 5.	do.	
" 8.	do.	
" 9.	External walls up to damp course.	

Internal door frames being made.
Usual blocks and sills being cast.

C. Labour employed.

Foreman	I.	No.
Carpenters	6.	"
Mason	I.	"
Labourers	2I.	"
Carter	I.	"
Watchmen	2.	"
Total	32.	

CHARLETON HILL

A. Development:-

Division fencing to complete.

B. Building progress:-

Block	I.	Complete
"	2.	do.
"	3.	do.
"	4.	do.
"	5.	do.

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Block 6. Complete.
" 7. do.
" 8. Plumbing and painting to complete.
" 9. do.
" IO. do.
" II. do.
" I2. do.

C. Labour employed:-

Charge-hand Carpenter		I No.
Apprentice do.		I "
Mason		I "
Plaster		I "
Plumber		I "
Painter		I "
Labourers		4."
Boy		I "
Watchmen		2 "
	Total	I3

D. Remarks:

Completion of plumbing work is retarding completion of scheme.

Several Members expressed dissatisfaction with the delay in completing the Charleton Hill Scheme.

NAMING AND NUMBERING OF NEW HOUSES.

CHARLETON HILL SCHEME

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Doherty

It was decided to further adjourn this matter to next Committee Meeting for suggestions.

SALE OF 8 HOUSES TOWN WALL.

Request duly signed by the 8 occupiers for purchase scheme was read.

Referred to County Manager.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

On the Chairman's ruling these resolutions were not read.

After routine matters were discussed.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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Chairman Tomás Ó Muircáin

TUESDAY the 15th DAY OF MAY, 1951

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o(clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and to determine the rates for the ensuing financial year of which matter due notice was given.

PRESENT: Mr. Thomas Murp hy, Vice-Chairman presiding up to the passing of he Minutes, thereafter Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman presided, the Council present being Mrs. N. Ryan and Messrs. T. Clarkin, Michael Dunphy, R. Hamilton, E. Bennett and M. Reddy.

Mr. McDermott, Secretary, Wexford County Council attended as deputy for the County Manager who is ill.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by Mr. Murphy and were duly signed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE
Death of Papal Nuncio - Dr. Felice.

Proposed by the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin, a vote of sympath was unanimously passed to the Hierarchy and Clergy of Ireland on the demise of His Excellency, the Most Reverend the Papal Nuncio.

Death of Mrs. Howard, New Ross.

Moved by the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Bennett, a like vote was passed to the family of the late Mrs. Howard on her death.

Death of Mr. John French.

Proposed by Mr. T. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy, a like vote was passed to Mrs. French, and family in their bereavement.

MAKING OF THE RATE.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy,

"That We the New Ross Urban District Council in Meeting duly assembled hereby authorize a Municipal Rate for he year ending on the 31st March, 1952 of £12871. 6. 4. and determine a rate of one pound seven shillings and five pence in the £.

Passed Unanimously.

The resolution and authorization of the rate was then signed by the requisite Councillors on the rate book and sealed with the seal of the Council witnessed by the Chairman and Mr. C.J. Connolly, Journalist.

The Deputy Manager then signed the Warrants according to law-

Pension application of Miss Annie Brien, Portress.

Replying to Mr. Murphy the Clerk informed the Council that the query form rdquisite was received during the week from the Wexford County

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Council and it would be completed and forwarded to the Department. Miss Brien is not pensionable but the Council determined to grant her some recognition for her long term of service at a very small wage.

Adjourned.

WATER SUPPLY

Clerk replying to Mr. Clarkin, intimated that the regulation under which water was not laid on from the tower before 7 o'clock a.m. was duly suspended on tne last fair morning by the wish of the Council. This resulted in emptying the tower supply and affected the following day's supply to the upper part of the town which includes the hospitals and other institutions.

Messrs. Hamilton and Bennett complained of the service to Follyhouse Lane and the bungalows at Cross Lane.

Referred to the County Manager.

Engineer's Report on Improvement in Water Supply

Replying to Mr. Clarkin, Clerk intimated that a opy of the Engineer's Report would be circulated to the Councillors.

Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

Deputy Manager informed the Counci that the order for piping was placed but, as elsewher, he could give no indication of when the order will be satisfied.

Numbering of houses at Charleton Hill and naming of Streets.

The Chairman suggested that this matter be adjourned further.

Agreed.

Parking Byelaws.

Clerk reported that the new Superintendent of the Guards will not take up duty until June and as already intimated by the Acting Superintendent and agred by the Council tne consideration of car parking byelaws were adjourned pending the arrival of Superintendent O'Brien.

Adjourned.

Public Weighbridge.

Replying to several members the Deputy Manager informed the Meeting that as the Council proposed to borrow for the erection of a 20 ton weighbridge sanction for the expenditure must be obtained, before any action can be taken on the Council's proposal.

Adjourned.

Nunnery Lane Housing Scheme
Loan of £30,000

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy and agreed,
"That We the New Ross Urban District Council in meeting duly assembled arrange for a loan of £30,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to be applied towards the erection of 20 (twenty) dwellings at Nunnery Lane, New Ross under the Housing Acts."

Charleton Hill Housing Scheme.

Clerk reported this scheme now complete. The keys were handed in.

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The Deputy County Manager submitted all-in cost of £30II4 approximately. The figure was subject to adjustment as regards materials used in other sites.

Mr. Clarkin requested a report of costs as regards the different trades per house or per block.

No. order.

BALLALLEY.

Application was read from the New Ross Handball Committee for a site in Barrack Lane to erect a ball alley behind the Mercy School. Chairman raised the question of ownership of the property. In his opinion application should be made to Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor for the Deane Estate.

Deputy Manager advised that the Committee instruct an Engineer to provide a plan of the site and the Town Clerk would then be in a position to make the necessary inquiries. The disposal would come under the I946 Act.

Agreed.

TEMPORARY SALARY INCREASES

CIRCULAR E.L. 4/5I DATED 4th MAY I95I.

This circular was read by the Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Murphy it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to grant the temporary increases in accordance with the terms of the circular from the Ist November I950.

QUESTION OF OPENING OF TENDERS.

Clerk having detailed the proceedure as regards the opening of tenders

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Murphy it was decided to recommend to the County Manager that in future all tenders for supplies over £I000 be opened by the Chairman at a Council Meeting.

NEW SEAT AT FISHOUSE.

On the suggestion of Mr. Murphy it was decided to recommend the County Manager to provide a seat outside the Fishouse to replace the existing plank seat.

Referred to County Manager.

NUNNERY LANE HOUSING SCHEME.

FOREMAN'S APPLICATION FOR OVERTIME PAY.

On the suggestion of Mr. Clarkin it was nem.con decided to recommend the County Manager when he is considering the matter to permit the Council to consider it in the first instance.

SCAVENGING STAFF.- NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF MR. DOYLE'S APPOINTMENT.

Replying to Mr. Murphy, Clerk intimated that this notice was served on the recommendation of the Engineer because of a tendency to periodic severe attacks of epeliptic fits.

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Moved by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin it was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to withdraw the notice and to continue Mr. Doyle's employment for six weeks and in the meantime alternative employment might be found for him as he had a large family and a hardship would follow otherwise.

The Deputy Manager stated he would obtain a Medical Report in the matter. Complaints were made by several Councillors from Mrs. Clooney, Charleton Hill, Mrs. Richardson, Fairgate, M. Delaney, Mrs. Hayes, and Mrs. Cotton.

Referred to County Manager.

NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Mr. Murphy drew attention to the repairs necessary to the timber part of the Bridge.

On the advise of the Deputy County Manager it was decided to bring the matter to the notice of the Wexford County Council.

HOUSES NOS. 3 and 4 HENRY STREET.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

Mr. Murphy referred the Council to the delay in dealing with this matter.

It was decided to get into touch with the Solicitors who acted as Agents to the Landlord and should the Medical report recommend that the installation would be uneconomic the question should be referred back to the Council before proceeding further.

TENANCY OF NO. IO WILLIAM STREET.

It was decided to recommend the County Manager to give the tenancy of this house to the present occupiers as they are living in the house for some time and attended to the wants of the late tenant.

DANGEROUS WALL - HAUGHTON PLACE.

A discussion took place on the danger to children of this wall in its present condition.

Referred to County Manager.

WASHING OF FAIR GREEN BEFORE THE CORPUS CHRISTEEPROCESSION.

It was decided to recommend the County Manager to arrange this matter after the next fair.

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TUESDAY, the 19th JUNE, 1951.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council and to

1. Arrange the date and hour of the annual meeting.

2. Determine on the recommendations of the Special Committee of the Council known as the General Purposes Committee and arising thereout.

3. To resolve to apply for a loan from the Commissioners of Public Works for the erection of three Artizan's Dwellings at Haughton Place, New Ross.

PRESENT: Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding,
Mrs. Ryan and Messrs. T. Clarkin, M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, T. Murphy, E. Bennett and R. Hamilton
and Mr. McDermott, Deputy County Manager.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Chairman and adopted nem. con.

The Minutes of the recommendations of the Committee Meeting of the Council held on the 5th June, 1951 were read and

On the motion of Mr. Bennett,
Seconded by Mr. Reddy were adopted.

ERECTION OF THREE DWELLINGS AT HAUGHTON PLACE.

Deputy County Manager having intimated that as only one tender for the erection of three houses had been received, nothwithstanding the resolution of the Council relative to the opening of tenders, he decided to open this tender so that its contents could be submitted to and reported to him on by the Architect in order to facilitate the Councils' recommendation. The Architect had decided in favour of the recommendation for acceptance and if the Council would now implement the recomendations of their Committee he Deputy County Manager would agree to accept the tender.

Moved by Mr. Bennett,
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was nem. con. decided to recommend the Deputy County Manager to accept the proposal of Messrs. Ryan Bros. Contractors, New Ross to erect three artizans' dwellings at Haughton Place, New Ross for the sum stated in his tender subject to the usual formalities being complied with.

Moved by Mr. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

"That the New Ross Urban District Council in meeting duly assembled hereby authorize the borrowing of a sum of £4,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works as and for the erection of three artizan's dwellings on site situate at Haughton Place, New Ross for a period of 50 years @ the statutory rate of interest per annum".

Agreed.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Bennett, it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting on Tuesday the 26th day of June, 1951 at the hour of 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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NEW WEIGHBRIDGE.

Clerk submitted letter dated 17th May, 1951 to the Department in reference. No reply received.

As the Deputy County Manager intimated he had given instructions for a reminder to the Department Adjourned.

SCAVENGING STAFF- MR. DOYLE'S CASE

Replying to Mr. Clarkin, Deputy County Manager informed the Meeting that he had issued instructions for the continuance of Doyle's employment for the present - even after the expiry of the original six weeks.

REPAIRS TO AND RENEWAL OF RANGES IN ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS.

Mr. Murphy drew attention to the appointment of a Housing Committee of inspection. This Committee should meet and with the Assistant Engineer submit a report on this matter.

Deputy County Manager intimated that the usual practice was that where a new range was provided - subject to the cause of the necessity of such provision - that the tenant should lodge one half of the cost down and the payment of the balance at a sum per week.

It was agreed that the Committee hold a Meeting and arrange with the Engineer a date to inspect say one dozen of the applications for new ranges and report thereon.

HENRY ST. HOUSES- Sanitation.

Letter dated 6th June 1951 was read from the Agents to the Landlord that they were submitting the Council's recommendation to the Owners and would communicate the result.

Reports on Form A. Nos. 316 and 317 were read from the Medical Officer of Health on these houses recommending new roofs and flush lavatories as existing conditions are a menace to the health of the occupants.

Deputy County Manager suggested that the Council should delay a decision pending (1) reply from the landlord and (2) that if the Council should decide to do the work they could be reasonably sure to recover the cost.

Moved by Mr. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Bennett, it was decided to recommend the Deputy County Manager to have the Statutory Notice served on the landlord forthwith to have the flush lavatories installed.

SANITATION - Mr. Bennett's house in Neville St.

As it was intimated that Mr. Bennett had not applied to his landlord to have proper sanitary accommodation installed it was decided to adjourn action by the Council pending such application.

INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS AND DOCUMENTS.

Replying to Mr. Clarking, Deputy County Manager informed the Meeting that any person may inspect the accounts of the Council during the statutory periods but not otherwise. The Council when sitting were

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entitled to all reasonable information on notice but individual members could not sustain a claim to such information.

COMPENSATION CLAIM - Mr. S. O'Leary.

Replying to several members the Deputy County Manager explained the particular circumstances of this case. The matter was one for the Insurance Company and they were dealing with Mr. O'Leary's Solicitor. It had been agreed to pay O'Leary compensation up to the 1st June, 1951.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided to recommend the Deputy County Manager to find suitable employment for O'Leary on the Housing Scheme.

Numbering and Naming of New Housing Scheme at Charleton Hill.

Moved By Mr. Bennett:

That the houses be numbered and named in accordance with the Engineers recommendations.

Moved by Mr. Murphy:

That the Bungalows be named in Irish O'Hanrahan Place to commemorate the memory of Michael O'Hanrahan of Easter Week.

Moved By Mr. Dunphy:

That the scheme be named Charleton Hill, Charleton Terrace and the Bungalows Charleton Villas.

After a discussion it was decided to

On the motion of Mr. Reddy,
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton to adopt Mr. Murphy's motion and to agree to the Engineer's recommendations otherwise.

Repairs - Doyle's House, Cockpit Lane.

Recommended to Deputy County Manager for immediate attention.

Gable Wall - Freaney's, Haughton Place.

It was reported that this gable was in a dangerous state owing to the action of the Council during demolition of the dwelling adjoining.

Referred to the County Manager.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME.
Report on Queries raised at last Meeting.

Clerk submitted the details requested with analysis. Tenders were invited for plumbing- skilled labour only. Tenders received were £440 and £456.10.0. The actual direct labour cost was £341. 6. 3.

Building cost per block		£2000.
45% Labour	do.	£900.
55% Materials	do.	£1100.
Unskilled labour	33½%	
Carpenters	29%½	

Mason 7%, Painter 6%, Plumber 3½% and Plasterer 21%.

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Payments to skilled workers:- Carpenters £2862. 6.3. Masons £681. 4. 9., Painters £581. 6. 4. Plasterers £2147.6.5 and Plumber £341. 8. 3.

Cost of completed scheme		£30,082. 14. 6.
Add Transfers from Irishtown.		1052. 13. 0.
Total		£31,135. 7. 6.
Deduct		
Transfers to Nunnery Lane.	£902.	
do Irishtown.	£93.	£995. 0. 0.
All in cost of scheme. made up of:-		£30140. 7. 6.
Sewer	£731. 19. 0.	
Watermain.	£381. 1. 11.	
Road and Boundary wall.	£1597. 17. 4.	
Site clearance and levelling.	£491.10. 3	£3202. 8. 6.
Overheads.		£4954. 7. 9.
Building cost.		£21983. 11.3.
		£30140. 7. 6.
All in cost per house.		£1370. 0. 0.

Detailed analysis of the building cost of each block of houses were also submitted.

Nunnery Lane Housing Scheme.

Engineer's monthly report of progress was read by the Chairman.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Letter dated 4th June, 1951 to the Department was read enclosing plans, specification, Bill of Quantities and draft advertisement. Clerk reported no reply.

Adjourned.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin, a vote of condolence was passed to Dr.Fitzgerald, Rosbercon, on the death of his brother.

The Deputy County Manager associated himself with the vote.

Letter dated 7th June, 1951 was read from Mrs. O'Grady, thanking the Council and the Deputy Manager for vote of sympathy passed on the death of her mother Mrs. Howard.

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ANNUAL MEETING, 26th DAY OF JUNE, 1951.

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this evening at 7.30 o'clock pursuant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

PRESENT:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs. Bennett, Reddy, Doherty, Hamilton, Murphy, Dunphy and Clarkin.

The Chairman read the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 30th day of September 1950 and signed same as there was no objection after he had twice asked for an objection.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Having read and initialed the notice convening the Meeting Chairman called for nominations hereunder:-

Proposed by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Reddy,

"That the outgoing Chairman, Mr. T. Redmond, be elected to the Chair"

Proposed by Mr. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy,

"That Mr. Thomas Clarkin be elected to the Chair"

There were no more nominations.

VOTING:
For Mr. Redmond: Mrs. Ryan and Messrs. Bennett, Reddy, Doherty and Redmond. (5)
For Mr. Clarkin: Messrs. Hamilton, Murphy, himself and Dunphy (4)

The Chairman declared himself duly elected.

Vice-Chairman

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mrs. Ryan, Mr. Thomas Murphy was duly elected to the Vice-chairmanem con.

St. Stephen's Cemetary Joint Committee.

Moved by Mr. Reddy,
Seconded by Mr. Bennett all the outgoing members were elected.

Harbour Board

Mrs. Lalor and Mr. William B. Ronan were elected on the Harbour Board almost immediately preceeding the Local Elections whilst they were members of the Council.

Mr. Clarking expressed a wish to be fully informed if the Council continued to be represented on th Harbour Board. So far as he could ascertain apart from other considerations the two deputies did not attend the Board's meetings to an extent as to disqualify them.

Town Clerk intimated that he had questioned this matter with the Secretary to the Harbour Board although a definite instruction was at the time issued. Members of the Council appointed to the Vocational Committee and to the Harbour Board held office during the tenure of the Council itself.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Ryan it was agreed to invite the opinion of the Secretary to the Harbour Board and Council's Solicitors later. It was also agreed to ask the Secretary to the Harbour Board to intimate to the Council if their representatives were disqualified by absence.

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Chairman and Vice-chairman having signed the Acceptance of Office,

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY THE I7th DAY OF JULY I95I.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Reddy, T. Murphy, R. Hamilton, M. Dunphy and E. Bennett.

Mr. McDermott, Deputy County Manager was present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and agreed nem.con.

The recommendations of Committee Meeting Meeting of the Council held on the 4th July I95I were read and

On the motion of Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett were adopted.

Arising thereout:-

LETTING OF NEW HOUSES AT CHARLETON HILL.

Deputy County Manager intimated that the Council had a right to recommend the setting aside of houses for persons the Council had reasonable assurance of proximate marriage but the Council should have nominated the three houses to be so let. They did not do this and the Manager's functions were strictly laid down to which he was bound otherwise. The Council's specific recommendations would always be reasonably considered by the Manager.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was decided to let four of the Nunnery Lane houses to persons about to be married.

Referred to County Manager.

SUBSIDY HOUSES

Provision for persons unable to pay the economic rent.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by the Chair it was decided to recommend the County Manager to purchase the remainder of the Windmill Field for the purpose of Housing families at a rent within that competence in order to house families at present living in uninhabitable dwellings.

NOCTIOUS WEEDS ACT.

Chairman intimated that so far as the Council's property extended in the Public Park the Council's employee had done his duty. The attentio of the garda should be drawn to the adjoining lands and the owners notified of their obligations.

Agreed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOUSING REPAIRS.

The Assistant Engineer's reports were read by the Chairman and it was agreed that consideration be deferred to next Committee Meeting in order to discuss the position with the Engineer.

RANGES.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Murphy it was decided to install new ranges where

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required the tenant to pay half the cost and the other half to be paid by weekly instalments to be fixed by the County Manager.

At this point Mr. Redmond vacated the Chair and it was taken by the Vice-Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter E.L. 75/24 dated 6th July I95I was read from the Department of Local Government that from the completed query form the Department decided that Miss Annie O'Brien did not come within the statutory authority under which a superannuation allowance could be awarded since the Council had not adopted Part III of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, I948.

It was decided that Miss O'Brien be so informed and that copies of the Act be obtained and furnished to each Member with a view to consideration of the adoption of Part III.

Mr. McDermott offered to supply copies of an explanatory document relative.

WEIGHBRIDGE.

Letter L. 479/5I dated I6th July I95I was read from the Department of Local Government that there are no funds for a grant herein. The Minister would be disposed to consider an application for the raising of a loan from the Council's Treasurers for the provision of a weighbridge but the maintenance must be provided out of the rates. The Minister inquired if a 20 ton weighbridge will satisfy present and future requirements

Moved by Mrs. Ryan
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton it was decided (I) to apply for the loan (2) that a 20 ton weighbridge would suffice and (3) that the wages of the Weighmaster be left in the hands of the County Manager to fix.

SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. Bennett's house.

It was intimated that Mr. Bennett had made several applications to his landlord to provide adequate arrangements and was promised same within a year. Nothing had been done.

No order.

FIRE BRIGADE.

Application for remuneration in accordance with Government Regulations.

Replying to the Chair Mr. McDermott intimated that he had arranged a conference with the Engineer and P. Grace to discuss ths matter in full and to put the Brigade on a proper footing.

Adjourned.

SHORE AT CHAPEL LANE.

This matter was again drawn up.

Referred to County Manager.

ROADS.

Members again complained of the footpaths from the Augustinian Church to St. Joseph's Square (Monk's Bawn).

Referred to County Manager.

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WATER SUPPLY.

Members reported shortage of supply to Charleton Hill and Cross Lane Bungalows.

Mr. McDermott read the Water Inspector's Report in which he attributed the shortage to excessive use in the town.

It was decided to issue posters warning consumers to avoid waste and to prohibit the use of water from the public supply for the washing of motor vehicles and shop fronts.

NUNNERY LANE HOUSING SCHEME.

Progress report.

Mr. Murphy, B.E., submitted his report as follows :-

"Progress on the above Scheme to date is as follows :-

A. Development:-

Outfall sewer laid, manholes built and being completed.
Excavation for further sewers in progress.

B. Building Progress:-

Block	I.	Roofed. Windows being fitted. Plastering in progress
"	2.	do.
"	4.	External walling commenced.
"	5.	Up to D.P.C.
"	8.	Roof timbers being fitted.
"	9.	At joist level - loists being fitted.

Usual blocks, cills, porch lattices being cast.

C. Labour enployed:-

Foreman	I.
Carpenters	6.
Apprentice do.	I.
Mason	I.
Plasterers	2.
Labourers	2I.
Carter	I.
Watchmen	2.
Total	35."

No order.

In connection with the Minutes of the recommendations of the Committee of the Council Mr. Murphy objected to the Minute that "in his opinion the progress on the current housing scheme was not satisfactory." He was quite satisfied with the progress.

COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATION ON HARBOUR BOARD.

Clerk intimated that he had written the Secretary (letter on table) relative to this matter. The Secretary held that the Council was represented in accordance with law and the Members, Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Ronan, would continue to represent the Council for the full term of their appointment.

Several Members objected that the present Council had no opportunity of appointment.

Mr. McDermott advised the Council that Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Ronan were

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legally the representatives of the present Council during their term of office as Harbour Commissioners.

HENRY STREET HOUSES.

Provision of sanitary accommodation.

Mr. McDermott intimated that he had directed the Solicitors to pursue this matter in accordance with their advice.

THE MEETING ENDED.

Mrs Rickmore

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TUESDAY 2Ist AUGUST I95I

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and the following special matters of which due notice was given viz:-

I. Housing Programme I95I/52.

2. Rating system P.L.V. Basis.

3. Major signs - main roads, Tourist Roads.

4.

4. Amendment of Rates - Section 60 I94I Act.

5. Increase in Public Lighting I95I/52.

6. Public Water supply.

7. Recommendations of Committee. (Council).

PRESENT :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan, and Messrs T. Murphy, M. Reddy, R. Hamilton and E. Bennett.

Mr. McDermott, Secretary of the County Council attended as representing the County Manager.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and agreed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Brother M. Kinsella, O.S.A.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mrs. Ryan a vote of condolence was passed to the Augustinian Friars on the death of Brother Michael Kinsella, O.S.A. a native of the town.

Mr. Timothy Murray, Mary Street.

Mr. Vincent Doyle, Brandon.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Murphy votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives - both being former Councillors.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

Houses at Henry Street.

Mr. McDermott intimated that in accordance with the decision of the Council, he had, acting as County Manager, ordered that on the expiry of the date fixed by the Statutory Notice legal proceedings be taken in this matter unless the Landlord meantime complied with the requirements of the Council.

Decided to allow one month more to the Landlord to provide the necessary conveniences.

Mr. Bennett's house.

Chairman intimated that the Council had not disposed of this complaint at last Meeting.

Decided that the Medical Officer of Health be asked to examine and report on the Statutory Form.

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HOUSING PROGRAMME I95I/52.

Mr. McDermott informed the Council that as the Council had determined to acquire the rest of the Windmill Field to extend the Nunnery Lane Housing Scheme the I95I/52 Programme embraced this work with the scheme of three houses at Haughton Place.

Chairman gave the opihion that the site proposed appeared difficult owing to the contour of the land and development costs should be high.

It was decided to request the County Manager to instruct the Engineer to further inspect and report to the Council with details of the development costs.

HAUGHTON PLACE - Three Houses.

In view of the delay in starting this scheme

Decided to request the Department for sanction or a reason if sanction was refused.

DERELICT SITES.

Moved by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was decided to request the County Manager to instruct his Engineer to inspect and report on the derelict sites in the town with a view to replacing with houses.

AMENDMENT OF RATES - Section 60, I94I Act.

Clerk intimated that Mr. McDermott had decided that this matter - allowance of a reduction of rates in the case of new building erected by Guard Hernon - was a matter for the County Manager.

No order.

A.A. SIGNS.

Letter dated 9 Lugnasa I95I, was read from the County Manager that after consultation with the Chairman, he had decided to agree to the placing of a main road sign at the Tholsel wall indicating the Wexford, Waterford and Dublin roads.

Agreed.

It was also decided to ask the County Manager to arrange for the provision of like signs at the junction of Charleton Hill and Cross Lane and at Irishtown - Boreen na slawn - and at the bridge.

ROAD TRAFFIC.

Chairman having again read communication dated Ist June I95I from Superintendent W.M. O'Brien herein.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett and agreed

"That the Superintendent be requested to inform the Council of what he has done towards parking in the town."

RATING SYSTEM - P.L.V. BASIS.

Moved by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett

The Galway Council's Resolution hereunder was adopted.

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INCREASE IN E.S.B. CHARGES FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Moved by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton it was agreed to protest against this charge amounting to £38. 0. 3 as most unreasonable in all circumstances and uncalled for.

LIMERICK RESOLUTION.

Moved by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton this resolution suggesting that the question of electricity charges can only be dealt with on a national basis was agreed.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - Cross Lane, Waterford Road and Charleton Hill.

Chairman having again stressed the necessity for two extra lights in Waterford Road and other Members of the change of light in Cross Lane and the provision of a light on Charleton Hill.

Decided to refer same to County Manager.

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY. - ROSBERCON IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Replying to Members Mr. McDermott intimated that no tenders for this work had been received by the Town Clerk and so far as he was aware by the Consultant. He requested the Council to agree to his decision to further advertise for tenders and in the event of failure to obtain a contract that the scheme be undertaken by direct labour.

Agreed.

WASTE OF WATER BY CONSUMERS.

Replying to questions Clerk intimated that in accordance with the decision of the Council 50 large posters were posted all over the town and 250 handbills circulated warning consumers to avoid waste and threatning prosecution on report from the Council's Officers.

Decided that as no complaints had been received and that as some Councillors may be aware of defaults that should any Councillor report prosecution ensue.

THREE BULLET GATE FOUNTAIN.

It was reported that this fountain was without a supply for some time.

Decided to obtain a report relative for next Meeting

NAMING OF NEW HOUSES - CHARLETON HILL.

Replying to Mr. Murphy the Chairman informed the Meeting that the County Manager intended to have all the houses formally blessed by the Church and named in accordance with the decision of the Council.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

Chairman having read this report:-

"Committee Meeting of Council - Wednesday Ist August I95I.

This Meeting was duly held.

Present:- Mr. Redmond, Chairman of the Council, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Dunphy and R. Hamilton.

Recommendations that the Committee be abandoned.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by the Chair *Chairman* T. R.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend the Council

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to abolish this Special Committee in view of :-

(I) All recommendations must necessarily be discussed by the Council

(2) No useful purpose proceeds thereout since the recommendations of the Committee cannot be implemented meanwhile and

(3) Every matter discussed at the Committee is in Committee.

The Meeting adjourned."

Mr. Murphy objected to any consideration until a notice of motion in the terms of the recommendation was duly given. The Committee was initiated by Resolution of the Council and in his opinion Notice of Motion should proceed any action by the Council.

Chairman ruled against. The recommendation of the Committee was before the Meeting. There was no Standing Order against the Council rejecting or adopting the recommendations of the Committee.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted on a show of hands by 4 to 2.

NUNNERY LANE HOUSES.

Replying to questions raised by various Members Mr. McDermott informed the Council that as these houses are ready for occupation no time would be lost in appointing tenants and the Council's recommendation as regards to-be-weds would receive the careful consideration of the County Manager whose function it was to let.

HOUSING REPAIRS.

This matter was again stressed, particularly house No. IO Charleton Hill and Mr. Hamilton's house.

Referred to Engineer for immediate attention.

It was decided to obtain from the Engineer a list of repairs carried out on the Council's houses since April last with the amount expended on each house since.

RYAN'S HOUSE, FAIRGATE.

Mr. McDermott intimated that if Mr. Ryan wished to purchase this house he should submit his proposal in writing for consideration.

TENDERS FOR WIRING NUNNERY LANE HOUSES.

The following tenders were opened and read by the Chairman :-

Joseph Ward, Mary Street.

"Type A. Installing 8 lights 8 P. Plugs, 2 W. Switching, I2 houses as per Schedule £228.

Type B. Installing 9 lights, 8 P. Plugs 2 way switching, 8 houses as per schedule £200.

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P. Maddock, Mary Street.

Wiring 20 Houses Nunnery Lane.

Type A.	Bedrooms	3 lights @ 32/6 each		£4. I7. 6
	Landing	I light @ 47/6		2. 7. 6
	Hall	I " @ 32/6		I. I2. 6
	Kitchen	I " @ 32/6		I. I2. 6
	Kitchen	I Plug @ 37/6		I. I7. 6
	Bathroom	I light @ 32/6		I. I2. 6
	Scullery	I light @ 32/6		I. I2. 6
				£I5. I2. 6
	2 Fuse Units complete with Fuses @ 4/9 each			9. 6
	8 lamps and 8 Bakelite Shades			I7. 5
				£I6. I9. 5

T ype B.

As above estimate with addition of one light @ 32/6 £I8. II. II

Total Estimate

I2 Houses @ £I6. I9. 3	£203. I3. 0		
8 Houses @ £I8. II. II	I48. I5. 4	352. 8. 4	

T. Maher, 4 John Street.

	Type A.		Type B.	
I20 yds. I.5 TRS Cable	£4. I3. 6		I30 yds I.5 TRS Cable	£5. 0. 0
20 yds. 2.5. " "	I5. 0		20 yds 2.5 " "	I5. 0
20 Ft. Earth Wire	3. 0		20 Ft. Earth Wire	3. 0.
30 Ft. Tubing	I0. 6		30 Ft. Tubing	I0. 6
8 Ceiling Roses	I0. 0		9 Ceiling Roses	II. 3
8 Lamp Holders	I0. 0		9 Lamp Holders	II. 3
I6 Ft. flex	4. 6		I8 Ft. Flex	5. 8
7 one-way switches	I. 0. 0		8 One-way switches	I. 0.,0
2 Two-way switches	6. 0		2 Two-way switches	6. 0
I I0 amp. Socket	2. 0		I I0 amp Socket	2. 0
2 fuse units and fuses	9. 0		2 fuse units and fuses	9. 0
I Base 6 x 3	I. 3		I Base 6 x 3	I. 3
9 Switch Boxes	7. 6		I0 Switch Boxes	8. 4
8 Round Bases	6. 0		9 Round Bases	6. 6
4 Junction bases	8. 0		4 Junction Boxes	8. 0
Screws	I. 0		Screws	I. 0
Labour	5. 6. 0		Labour	6. I0. 0
Total	£I5. I3. 3			£I7. 8. 9

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GRAZING OF TOWN PARK

One tender was received and read as follows :-

"I will take Show Grounds and fenced part attached for three years at £5 per II months and I will agree to the Council regulation as regards same land.

Richard Bailey."

Clerk intimated that there should be another offer and he would submit it later.

Decided to resubmit this tender and all others received.

NUNNERY LANE HOUSING SCHEME.

Progress Report dated 20th August I95I was read from the Housing Engineer as follows :-

"Nunnery Lane Housing Scheme.

The following is a report on the above Scheme to date

A. Development:-

Excavation for and laying of sewers in progress.
Site Clearance and levelling in progress.

B. Building progress:-

Block I. Roofed, Fitted windows, Timbers, floors in. Studding in progress also plastering.

Block 2. do.

" 3. External walls up to D.P.C.
" 4. Ready for timber joists.
" 5. Up to D.P.C.
" 8. Roofed, Windows fitted.
" 9. Timber joists fixed. At external walling.

Usual blocks, sills and porch lattices being cast.

C. Labour employed :-

Foreman	I.
Carpenters	6.
do. Apprent.	I.
Mason	I.
Plasterers	2.
Carter I.	I.
Watchmen	2.
Total	35.

ATHLONE URBAN COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

This Resolution to urge upon the Minister the necessity of immediately increasing the subsidy in respect of houses erected under the Acts was agreed.

THE MEETING ENDED

Chairman T. Kenneally

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TUESDAY THE 18th SEPTEMBER, 1951

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o(clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and the following special business of which due notice was given viz:-

1. Circ. H.13/51 from the Department of Local Government re Housing Amending Regulations providing for increases in Capital costs limits for State subsidies.

2. Employment Schemes Vote 1951/52 - Grant of £750 subject to contribution of £100.

3. Purchase Scheme- Eight houses at Town Wall.

Present:- Councillor T. Redmond, Chairman presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Councillors Dunpthy, Hamilton, Reddy, Clarkin and Bennett.

Mr. McDermott, County Council Secretary attended vice the County Manager.
Mr. O'Regan, B.E., was also in attendance at the request of the Council.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Letter dated 17th September 1951 was read from Philip Doyle, Brandon, thanking the Council for a vote of condolence, as reported in the local press, on the death of his brother Mr. V.A. Doyle.

Councillor Clarkin drew attention to the remark in Mr. Doyle's letter "as reported in the local press". He was under the impression that the Clerk should communicate the Council's sympathy.

Town Clerk intimated that usually this was done but owing to short staff - due to holidays- there was an omission since last meeting. At the same time the resolution should intimate that the vote be conveyed by letter.

Public Lighting - Cross Lane, Waterford Road and Charleton Hill.

Mr. Coffey, E.S.B. attended and gave details of the position to date. He required particulars of the work which the Council wanted.

It was decided to instruct the E.S.B., through Mr. Coffey, to proceed with the lighting on the Waterford Road, Cross Lane and outside Nolan's forge on Charleton Hill - cost not to exceed the amount in the Estimates £100.

Committee of the Council.
Notice by Councillor Clarkin:

Mr. Clarking having stated that he was not satisfied with the decision of the Council to abolish this Committee intimated that he would give notice to have the decision rescinded.

HOUSING REPAIRS

Mr. O'Regan B.E. gave detailed particulars of the repairs carried out on Artizan's dwellings from 1st April to June.

The Council then considered Mr. O'Regan's report dated 13th July 1951 on this inspection with the Council's Committee of eleven houses and his estimate of the cost of repairs to same.

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Mr. Hammilton informed the Council that the repairs to his house had, he was informed, been carried out at a cost of £1. 10. 0. against the Engineer's estimate of £7. 10. 0.

Engineer protested that his estimate included the overhaul of the roof.

The Engineer informed the Council that he had on hands sufficient work to meet the Council's estimates.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Bennett, it was decided to recommend the County Manager to stand still the work on hands and to proceed with the work on repairs recommended by the Council's committee excepting the repairs to Ryan's house, Fair Gate.

GRAZING OF TOWN PARK.

The following tenders were opened and read by the Chairman:-

1. Richard Bailey & Son. New Ross.

"I will take show grounds and fenced part attached for 3 years at £5 per eleven months and I will agree to the Council regulation as regards the same land. Richard Bailey

2. P. Hernan, New Ross.

"I wish to offer £3 for Sept. Oct. and Nov. 1951 and £12 for term ending 30th November 1952 subject to fencing by U.D.C. of field beside showgrounds".

3. Patrick O'Connor, Arnestown.

"Ipropose to take the grass of above mentioned (show grounds and the adjoining marsh) land at £1. 0. 0. per acre per 11 months until the grounds are required for a public park."

Recommended that the County Manager determine the letting.
Acreage: Show Grounds 8 A. 2 rds. 0 prs. Doyle's A A. 2 r. 23p.

HOUSING:-
Progress Report from Engineer.

Mr. Murphy, Engineer, under date I7th September I95I reported progress on the Nunnery Lane Scheme as follows :-

Development:- Laying of sewers and clearance of site in progress. Approximately I60 yds. of 3" watermain laid.

Building progress:- Blocks I & 2. Roofed. Chimney flashed. Plumbing and plastering in progress. Blocks 3. External walls up to damp course. Block 4. Joists fixed. All external walling upstairs. Block 5. All external walling 3" over damp course. Blocks 6 & 7. Excavating for foundations. Block 8. Roofed. Windows fitted. Studded partitions fixed. Plastering in progress. Block 9. At Roof timbers. Usual blocks sills and latices being cast.

Labour employed:- Skilled I4
Unskilled 24.

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FREE PAINT SCHEME

Engineer, Mr. O'Regan suggested that the Council adopt this Scheme which proved successfulh under the County Council.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was agreed to supply on application free paint to the tenants of the Council's houses at Upper and Lower William Street subject to the County Manager's Order thereon.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME.

Dated 23rd August I95I the following sites were reported on by the Engoneer, Mr. O'Regan, B.E., as suitable for building a scheme of twenty or thirty houses viz;-

"(I) Field(3.A 3.R 3 P)adjoining William Street the property of the Representatives of the late V.A. Doyle, Brandon, New Ross.

(2) Field 2A. 3R. 36P.)adjoining the Bosheen the property of Mr. Thomas Ronan, Pondfields, New Ross.

(3) Field (4A. OR. I8P) at the junction of Wexford Street and the Bosheen, the property of Mr. Matthew Foley, Neville Street, New Ross. A Scheme of houses could here be made to fit in with the existing scheme at J.K.L. Place.

(4) Field (3A. OR. I9P) adjoining the Bosheen the property of Mr. William Donovan, Mary Street, New Ross. A Scheme of houses could be made here to fit in with the existing scheme at J.K.L. Place.

(5) Remainder of Field 4A. OR. I8P. adjoining Nunnery Lane the property of Mr. Martin Whelan, Mary Street, New Ross. The Council is at present erecting 20 houses on the other part of this field.

(6) It would also be possible to fit in twenty houses on derelict sites in the Bullawn, Fair Green and Irishtown"

Dated 6th September I95I Mr. Murphy, B.E., reported on the proposed extension of the Windmill Lane Field site as follows :-

" As requested in yours of the 5th instant I have inspected the remainder of the field at Windmill Lane containing approximately four acres. In my opinion this parcel of land is unsuitable for use as a building site. The configuration of this site does not readily lend itself either to the planning or construction of a housing scheme.

Owing to the steep fall, building on the lower side of the proposed extension of new concrete road would hardly be feasable. I should also like to state that the portion of this land fronting Nunnery Lane shows considerable variation in level. These factors would limit the number of houses that could be erected.

Since I have no lay-out of a proposed scheme for this site it is not possible to estimate the cost of development. Apart altogether from development, heavy costs for underbuilding would arise - possible £50 per house above normal. "

Regarding this site the Tottenham Estate wrote under date 3Ist August I95I that this site (four acres of Windmill Field) is let under lease to Martin Whelan for 35 years from 25th March I946 at a yearly rent of £20.

It was decided to recommend the County Manager to proceed with the erection of 20 houses on the derelict sites immediately and to investigate the possibility of acquiring the lands owned by Mr. Ronan, Pondfields, and Mr. Foley - adjoining J.K.L. scheme of houses for further schemes.

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PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE.

In accordance with the Council's decision the Chairman duly signed Form for sanction to application for a I0 year loan of £I500 from the Council's Treasurers for the erection of a 20 ton Weighbridge on the site of the existing weighbridge on the Quay, New Ross,

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME - WINTER I95I/52.

Clerk informed the Council of the direction from the Department of Social Welfare dated I3th September I95I H.A. I3 and that the County Manager had ordered that advertisements issue for tenders for the supply of (I) hand won turf best quality ans (2) Machine won turf.

HOUSING AMENDING REGULATIONS.

Chairman read Circ. H. I3/5I dated 6th September I95I hereunder from the Department of Local Government. Mr. McDermott explained the intent of the Circular letter and compared the new regulations with the existing regulation.

No order.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE I95I/52.

Circular was read from the Department of Local Government intimating a grant hereunder of £750 subject to local contribution of £I00.

Clerk informed the Council that the County Manager had directed the Engineer to prepare a scheme or schemes to place before the Council.

Moved by Mr, Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

"That the money be spent on the reconstruction of the concrete steps on High Hill and the provision of three or more new lamps on Charleton Hill."

Agreed.

QUARRY ON HIGH HILL.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Reddy,

It was decided to hand over this quarry to the Christian Brothers for planting.

PURCHASE SCHEME.

8 HOUSES AT TOWN WALL.

Clerk informed the Council that on their recommendation the County Manager had prepared a scheme for the sale to the tenants of these houses, subject to occupation for a period of five years, for a sum of £240 provided sanction to the scheme be obtained. The tenant to pay all legal expenses. He fixed the ground rent at I0/- per annum. The Department would probably agree to a long lease subject to a head rent.

It was decided to adopt the scheme and to corporate in it a clause prohibiting resale of the property.

PREMISES 36 COCKPIT LANE.

Clerk informed the Council that the County Manager had closed the purchase of Miss O'Brien's interest herein for a sum of £25. The original offer to sell was £I50.

Sanitary accommodation No. 3 & 4 Henry Street. (see over)

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SANITARY ACCOMMODATION TO 3 & 4 Henry Street.

Clerk informed the Council that instructions had been issued to proceed herein.

Mr. Clarkin proposed that the proceedings include No. 5 Michael St.

Agreed.

OFFICIAL OPENING AND BLESSING OF HOUSES.

It was decided to recommend the County Manager to fix the 8th December, I95I for this function.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Clarkin drew attention to the employment of the painters engaged by the National Bank and the Bank of Ireland.

Decided to protest.

Replying to Mr. Clarkin, the Town Clerk stated the house let to Mr. C. Hall was duly advertised by posters and the letting was duly made by the Deputy County Manager.

Mr. Clarkin objected that the house was not duly advertised and was let he believed before it was advertised. The letting was not in accordanc with practice as there were several applicants more deserving and there would be more if the house was properly advertised.

Mr. Clarkin drew attention to the encroachment on Paddy Fortune's allotment by his neighbours plot holders and suggested this should be remedied.

NEW INDUSTRIES.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Redmond that the Council form a Committee of the Council and other interested bodies with a view to obtaining further factories for the town.

No order.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I6th OCTOBER I95I

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and the following special matters of which due notice was given viz:-

I. Notice by Councillor Clarkin to restore the Committee Meeting of the Council.

2. Mortgage Deed with the Commissioners of Public Works- £30,000 for the financing of the erection of twenty houses at Nunnery Lane.

3. Resolution Ennis U.D.C. - Purchase of Grounds Rents.

Present:- Mr. T. Murphy, V.C., presiding and subsequently Mr. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, and Mrs. N. Ryan, Messrs E. Bennett, T. Clarkin, M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, and R. Hamilton.

The County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Town Clerk and adopted.

The Presiding Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended a hearty welcome back to Mr. Sinnott, County Manager. The Council wished him the best of health for the future.

The County Manager thanked the Council for their expression of good will.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes :-

INCREASE IN ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRS TO ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Murphy it was nem.con. decided to agree to an expenditure of £206 in excess of t he amount allowed in the Annual Estimates for repairs to artizan's dwellings - to be met out of next years estimates - in order to complete the repairs in hands and the repairs arising out of the Council's Committee's recommendations.

GRAZING FOR TOWN PARK.

Town Clerk intimated that the Manager was not satisfied at the offers made hereunder. He interviewed Mr. O'Connor - the highest tender - who promised to review his offer.

QUARRY ON HIGH HILL.

Town Clerk reported that the County Manager interviewed the Reverend Superior of the Christian Brothers in connection with this matter. Brother Hallinan offered to let him know the result of his determination at an early date.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME.

County Manager intimated that he interviewed the owner of the Pondfields proposed site in accordance with the Council's instructions. Whilst an agreed figure had not been arrived at he hoped to effect a purchase in the near future. Mr. Clarkin desired the acquisition of Foley's field in order to open up the cul-de-sac at J.K.L. Place.

On a show of hands it was decided to recommend the County Manager to negotiate for the purchase of the Pondfields site.

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ERECTION OF THREE HOUSES AT HAUGHTON PLACE.

County Manager reported that the Department had by letter N. 75/2/5 dated I5th October I95I, notified the Council of the Minister's approval to the acceptance of the tender of Messrs Ryan Bros., at £4050. This work could now be put in hands. He had made his Order accordingly.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY JOINT COMMITTEE.

AUDITOR'S REPORT YEAR TO 3I/3/5I.

The Report was read by the Chairman and formally adopted.

PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE.

Letter L.4I79/3/5I dated 6th October I95I was read from the Department of Local Government requesting to be furnished with the lay-out plans and details of the site.

County Manager intimated that he had given instructions accordingly.

MOTION BY MR. CLARKIN.

Mr. Clarkin formally moved his Motion to restore the Committee Meeting held on the first Wednesday of the Month.

Mr. Murphy seconded.

The Motion was lost on a show of hands 6 to 2.

£30,000 LOAN FROM COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS

Moved by Thomas Murphy,
Seconded by Edward Bennett and Resolved:

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment ofthirty thousand pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts I890 to I950."

The Seal was then embossed and witnessed by the Chairman and Messrs M. Dunphy and Edward Bennett in the presence of the County Manager and Charles Connolly, Journalist.

GUARD FEEHAN'S HOUSE.

In accordance with the instructions of the County Manager report dated I5th October I95I was read from the Rent Collector " that there is at present nobody in occupation of Guard Feehan's house, No. 3 Town Wall. The rent for the month of October was paid on the 6th instant.

Town Clerk reported that the County Manager had made an Order thereon as follows :- "In view of Guard Feehan's failure to occupy No. 3 Town Wall in accordance with his promise it is hereby bordered that the necessary steps be taken to obtain possession."

At the behest of Mr. Clarkin the Council agreed to recommend the County Manager to defer execution of his Order for fourteen days to enable Guard Feehan to effectively occupy the house.

LETTING OF HOUSES - QUESTION OF REGULATIONS.

Arising out of the letting of house at Charleton Hill to Mr. C. Hall, Mr. Clarkin expressed dissatisfaction with the letting of this house as against Government Regulations. He could not obtain a copy of the Regulations from the Town Clerk or the Department.

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County Manager informed Mr, Clarkin that he would send him a copy.

Town Clerk reported that this house was let by the County Manager's Deputy under his powers and after the vacancy was duly advertised.

Adjourned.

SANITATION.

Mr. Clarkin drew attention to the want of sanitary convenience to three houses at left hand side of Michael Street - owners Tottenham Estate.

Referred to County Manager.

NUNNERY LANE HOUSES - EMPLOYMENT OF LABOUR.

In order to fully inform the Council of this matter it was decided to request the County Manager to instruct the Engineer to attend next Council Meeting.

ROSBERCON WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

County Manager reported that Mr. O'Connor, B.E., Consulting Engineer, had informed him by 'phone today that he had examined the tenders received for this scheme and that he considered the tender of Mr. P.J. Walsh, Youghal the lowest. He proposed to accept the tender and notify the Consultant to prepare the conditions. The work would be carried out in three months under a penalty clause.

CIVIC WELCOME TO WEXFORD HURLING TEAM.

On the Motion of Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was decided that the Council attend the Reception to the team at Barrett's Bark on the occasion of the National League tie with Waterford.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

It was agreed that this Committee meet at 3.30 p.m., on Monday fortnight and that the County Manager be requested to instruct the Engineer to be in attendance.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin

The Meeting adjourned at IO.IO p.m., for a fortnight.

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TUESDAY THE 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER I95I.

The Monthly adjourned Meeting of the Council was held at 7.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present:- Mr. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, and Messrs Reddy, Murphy, Dunphy, Hamilton, Clarkin and Bennett.

ENNIS COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

This Resolution calling on the Government to legislate in likewise as for tenant farmers under the Land Acts for tenants of dwellings was

On the motion of Mr. Murphy
Seconded by the Chair marked "read"

CHRISTMAS I95I EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

Replying to Mr. Murphy, Clerk informed the Council that the Council's Scheme hereunder had been duly forwarded to the Department over three weeks ago. The matter was now between the County Council - who had charge of the roads - and the Department.

COMPLAINT OF SURFACE OF MARY STREET.

Moved by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by the Chair it was decided to recommend the County Manager to at once confer with his technical advisors as to the best method of rendering this hilly street passable for horse traffic. At present this street was a menace to animal traffic and an economic disadvantage to the trade of the town.

MOTOR PARKING ON THE FOOTPATHS OF THE TOWN.

Mr. Hamilton drew attention to this matter. Pedestrians should at least be permitted to walk along the footpaths.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Murphy it was agreed

(I) to appeal to the Guards to prevent this and

(2) to request the Superintendent of the Guards to enforce the regulations.

OILSKINS FOR SCAVENGING STAFF.

Replying to Mr. Murphy, Clerk informed the Council that the Engineer had this matter in hands and orders for the clothing would be issued.

SCAVENGING STAFF - ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.

Replying to Mr. Clarkin, Clerk intimated that Mr. P. Grace was appointed temporary Water Inspector by the County Manager in view of the continuous reports of short supply. In his place as foreman Mr. M. Furness was appointed at 2/6 per week over his then wages.

No action.

FORMATION OF COMMITTEE.TO PROVIDE FURTHER FACTORIES FOR THE TOWN.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was decided to (I) arrange to hold a Meeting of the Council; the T.Ds, of the County; Trades Union Chairman; The Parish Priest; All business and professional men in The Council Chamber on Monday the 26th day of November, I95I, at 8.30 o'clock p.m. (2) To issue Press Advertisements

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calling the public meeting and (3) to circularize the following business men :- P.J. Fleming, Hanrahan Bros., John Doyle, B. Hennessy and M. Murphy, in particular.

Clerk advised the Council that all or any of the expenses could not be met out of the rates. Payment could only be authorised by the County Manager or the Council. The Council would be legally responsible collectively and individually.

On the motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin it was decided to incur any expense necessary and that if a surcharge resulted the Council Members present would pay the amount.

Passed unanimously.

EXTENSION OD LUNCH-TIME IN NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

On the suggestion of Mr. Dunphy it was agreed - Chairman having waived a formal motion - to suggest to the Right Reverend the School Manager, Michael Street National School and the Mercy Convent National School that the lunch-time be increased to one hour to enable the pupils to go home and have a hot meal.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Mr. Murphy drew attention to the fact that nothing had been done towards the lighting change in Cross Lane.

Mr. Dunphy wished to notify the Meeting that there was no public lamp to the bungalows in Charleton Hill.

Referred to County Manager.

CEMENT ROAD TO CHARLETON HILL BUNGALOWS

Mr. Dunphy stated that this road was breaking up and would not last another year. It was a bad job and required immediate attention.

Referred to County Manager.

PIGGERIES PROSECUTION - Mrs. O'Phelan, The Quay.

Mr. Clarkin intimated that he was not satisfied with the several actions of the Council's officials in this matter. If the Court had been fully informed the decision would have been favourable to Defendent. The Council should have been advised in the matter.

Chairman repeated the circumstances of the case. A citizen had complained, the Council's officials took action and the Court decided that the piggery should cease.

Mr. Clarkin intimated that having seen the file - handed him during the Meeting by the Clerk - he would bring up the matter again.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY THE 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER I95I

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. T. Murphy, Vice-Chairman, presiding and Messrs Clarkin, Reddy, Doherty, Dunphy, Hamilton and

The County Manager and Mr. Murphy, B.E., were in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting and the Adjourned Meeting were read by the Chairman and confirmed.

DEPUTATION OF LABOURERS ENGAGED ON THE NUNNERY LAND HOUSING SCHEME.

On the invitation of Mr. Hamilton and on the unanimous agreement of the Council :- Messrs O'Leary, Ledger and Hunt attended on behalf of the labourers engaged on this scheme. They submitted inter alia that (I) the IO men doing outside work receiving wet-time money could be engaged on inside work and (2) that Church Holiday stoppage could be made up otherwise.

County Manager read from the records the wet-time since the commencement of the scheme and the Catholic Holidays involved.

Decided to recommend the County Manager to examine into the complaints of the deputation.

A lengthy discussion between several Members of the Council and Mr. Murphy, B.E., Clerk of Works to the Nunnery Lane Scheme, ensued.

Recommended :-

(I) That Mr. Murphy give Mr. Kavanagh the first available job.

(2) That Ross men be given first preferences for work.

(3) That the men be allowed to make up time lost by Church Holidays.

(4) That more plasterers be employed.

NAMING OF LOCALITIES UNDER CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton it was decided as follows :-

Plas Abain - 26 Houses
Ard Mhichil - 22 Bungalows
Cearnog Padraig - 50 houses,

and that the names be placed on each Scheme.

BLESSING OF HOUSES

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin it was decided to arrange with the Parish Priest The Right Rev. Monsignor Hickey, V.G., for the blessing of all the houses in Charleton Hill, Cross Lane and Irishtown after last Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th. 1951

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BUILDING IN CONCRETE BLOCKS.

On the recommendation of the Chair it was decided to use concrete blocks vice mass concrete in any future Housing schemes.

TWO HOUSES IN IRISHTOWN.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett,

It was decided to recommend the County Manager to have these two houses erected by Contract.

LOAN OF £5000

Three Houses At Haughton Place.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy it was resolved to apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a Loan of £5000 for the erection of three houses at Haughton Place.

LOAN OF £5000

ROSBERCON WATERWORKS EXTENSION.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was resolved to apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a Loan of £5000 to defray the expenditure to be incurred on this improvement Scheme.

HOUSES ON DERELICT SITES.

The County Manager intimated that he would have plans prepared as soon as possible.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES - HENRY STREET HOUSES.

Clerk reported this matter was in the hands of the Council's Solicitors.

Recommended that the Solicitors be requested to speed up the work.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by the Chair the Council voted sympathy with the relatives of the late Matthew Foley, Neville Street, Henry Wilson, John Street, and Andrew Carton, Rosbercon.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES.

The Council recommended the County Manager to give priority to the repairs required at Nos. IO and I7 William Street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Letter dated 30th October I95I, was read from Father Coffey, O.S.A., Prior, St. Augustine's, New Ross, thanking the Council for the special tribute paid to the memory of Father Veale O.S.A. on his death.

Letter dated 29th October I95I was read from the County Chairman Sean De Brun, Cumann Luith - Chleas Gaedheal, conveying the sincerest thanks of all concerned for the Address of Welcome presented by the Council to the Wexford Team on last Sunday. "It was a kindly gesture

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that will act as an added incentive to the team to greater efforts in the future."

A letter dated I5th November I95I, was read from P.A. Brennan, 45 Irishtown, New Ross, Director, New Ross Pantomome Society that as the Town Hall was no longer available to the Society and as the Society since I935 has done much good for the town in many ways the Council might consider the provision of a Municipal Theatre which as well as providing a Civic Centre would be an investment for the Ratepayers.

The Council went into Committee on the suggestion of Mr. Clarkin.

After statements had been made by some Members anent the reasons for the letter:-

The County Manager advised the Meeting that the Council would be acting ultra vires their powers by providing a theatre.

They would not get a Grant or sanction.

Eventually it was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Town Clerk interview Monsignor Hickey, P.P., with a view to ascertaining tha reasons for the complaints in Mr. Brennan's letter.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

CORPORATIONS OF DUBLIN & SLIGO.

These Resolutions"that the present scales of pensions for Old I.R.A.-Pwhose services won freedom and established the State - are inadequate, urges the Government to consider favourably the claims put forward by the Old I.R.A. Pensions Committee, Mansion House, Dublin," were read.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton

"That the Resolutions be adopted."

Proposed by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin

"That no action be taken"

In moving the "No action" motion the Chair was of opinion that work for the establishment of a Republic was never intended to carry a pension. The men engaged worked and offered their lives for Ireland alone.

Mr. Clarkin supporting could not agree that all who wanted this increase were entitled.

For the "No action" amendment :- Messrs the Presiding Chairman and Mr. Clarkin.

For the Motion - on a show of hands the amendment was lost by two votes to five.

The original motion was declared carried.

BRAY URBAN COUNCIL.

This Resolution requesting legislation debaring the use of Gaming Machines was

On the motion of Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy marked "Read".

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SLIGO CORPORATION.

This Resolution that they had heard a rumour that the Government contemplated increases in duty on Beer wine and spirits and tobacco was

On the motion of Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Reddy marked "Read".

SLIGO CORPORATION.

This Resolution requesting Dail Eireann to send up a Court of Inquiry to investigate the uses to which credit reserves of the country have been put by the people whom the Dail have appointed to the Central Bank was marked "Read".

The Meeting adjourned to the date of the next Statutory Meeting.

Thos Redmond

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TUESDAY-I8th DECEMBER I95I.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Messrs T. Murphy, T. Clarkin, M. Reddy, M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, R. Hamilton and E. Bennett.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and approved.

BLESSING OF HOUSES.

Moved by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by the Chair votes of thanks were passed to the Right Rev. Monsignor R. Hickey P.P., the Clergy who attended with him, the Altar Boys and the Confraternity Band.

TOWN HALL.

Arising out of an interview with Monsignor Hickey, P.P., the Chairman reported the Monsignor informed the Deputation from the Council that he had nothing to do with the letting of the Savoy Cinema (old Town Hall) as under the terms of an Agreement between the Parish Priest of the time this Hall was let to Mr. Breen, Waterford, on a ten years lease with a renewal option.

Mr. Clarkin informed the Council that he had been in communication with the Department of Local Government and obtained the information that the law allowed the Council to erect a Hall - apart from the provision of Municipal Offices.

An extract from the communication was read.

The County Manager again disagreed. In his opinion the Council could not build such a Hall out of the rates.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

That the Council approach Mr. Breen with a view to having the Hall available at all reasonable times, and if Mr. Breen's Hall be not so available then the Council proceed to build a Hall.

Agreed.

NUNNERY LANE HOUSES. - EMPLOYMENT.

Mr. Clarkin drew attention to the Priority List supplied to him by the Town Clerk and objected to the statements of the Engineer and the Town Clerk at last Meeting that the list was not a Priority List.

Town Clerk requested Mr. Clarkin to return to him this original List which a resolution of the Council required to be exhibited in the Council Chamber. Mr. Clarkin refused.

Clerk also informed the Meeting that the Engineer would have a letter at next Meeting giving his reasons re Priority List.

SITE FOR MORE HOUSES.

County Manager dealt in detail with the negotiations to date with Mrs. Ronan, owner of the Pondfields site. Mrs. Ronan's original offer

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for the three acres (approx.) was £I000 reduced later to £900. Manager offered £I50 per acre which Mrs. Ronan refused.

No negotiations had been opened concerning the Foley Field.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was decided to advertise for sites within the Urban Area and to go ahead with the purchase of the field from Mr. Foley.

SURVEY OF HOUSES IN ROSBERCON.

County Manager replying to Mr. Doherty informed the Council that a general survey of the Urban Area was made in I946 and it included Rosbercon - the Council could see it when required.

TWO HOUSES AT IRISHTOWN - PART OF SCHEME.

Clerk informed the Council on request that the County Manager had made an offer to Mr. Michael Corcoran, Irishtown for his interest in this site. The Council's Solicitor's were engaged and the Government would not consent to this offer as the title was not in order. The Manager then directed the Engineer to inspect the site for the purpose of his certificate that it came under the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act. The Engineer's Certificate was obtained and the Solicitors instructed to proceed.

The County Manager advised the Council that there should be no delay at all. It was a matter of advertising the acquisition under the Acts and this should be done at once.

ROADS&

Mr. Doherty complained of the bad condition of the footpath at Rosbercon - the Electricity Supply Board did not properly restore this path.

Referred to County Manager.

Mr. Clarkin drew attention to the slippery surface of Mary Street. The Council were anxious to remedy this matter for business reasons and to prevent injury to animals using the street - particularly horse traffic.

County Manager informed the Council that the work would be done before the 3Ist March next.

CAR PARKING ON FOOTPATHS.

Chairman gave the result of an interview with Superintendent O'Brien, G.S. The County Manager was present. The Superintendent could not attend Council Meetings without authority. On the Ist June I95I he, Superintendent, gave the Guards' views on the matter of road traffic.

The Chairman then read the letter of the Ist June I95I, and stated they were all, including the Superintendent, anxious for some solution which would be agreeable to the Council and the business people of the town.

Decided to again request the Garda to do something about the regulation of traffic in the town and particularly the parkin parking of cars on the footpaths.

WATERWORKS.

Several complaints were made by Members of the recent shortage of supply. The water was cut off in William Street and Cross Lane at 5 o'clock, p.m.

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The County Manager reported that he had not been informed of any shortage and from the daily reports on the tower at 43,000 gallons there should not be a shortage. He would examine into the matter.

Public Lighting

Moved by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Murphy and Agreed that the Electricity Supply Board be requested to change the lamp at Cross Lane without further delay.

Moved by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy it was decided (I) to provide a pilot light at Parochial House and (2) a new light at Hospital Road.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by the Chair it was decided to provide three lights on Charleton Hill - Ard Mhichil.

Sanitary Services - No. 3 & 4 Henry Street.

Letter to Thomas Martin, Henry Street, from James Rossiter, Builder & Contractor, dated I7th December I95I was read informing Mr. Martin that he installed sewer at Nos. 3 and 4 Henry Street.

Decided to refer the letter to the Council's Solicitors for attention and to request the Solicitors to proceed with the case.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER BODIES.

TRALEE COUNCIL.

This Resolution requesting the Minister not to allow the Valuation Officer to revalue the premises of those who were obliged under the New Health Act to make improvements or alterations was adjourned.

BUNCRANA COUNCIL.

This Resolution disagreeing with the present system of letting of houses on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer and suggesting that the letting of houses on the recommendation of the local dispensary doctors was marked "read".

REPAIRS TO HOUSES.

Several Members drew attention to minor repairs required to the Council's property. If those were attended to major repairs could be avoided.

Mr. Clarkin suggested the County Manager to get the Engineer to form some kind of unit in this matter. Three or four men should be appointed continuously. This appeared the only solution.

Referred to County Manager.

Paint for Houses.

Chairman, replying to questions, informed the Meeting that through the press everyone should know how and where to apply for paint for their houses. It had been stressed at several Meetings that the paint in various colours was available at the Engineer's Office. Applicants had only to apply in writing to have their case considered. No applications had been received he was advised.

Decided that although the scheme was limited and as no application thereunder had been received, it is now determined that applications from all tenants of the Council houses be considered, provided that

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application be made in writing and receives the sanction of the County Manager.

CORRIGATED BARRIER AT ABBEY VIEW.

Replying to complaints received as to the delapidated state of this fencing, County Manager informed the Meeting that this fencing was put up in accordance with the Council's decision.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED.

Michael Rumpley
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TUESDAY I5th JANUARY I952.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Reddy, M. Dunphy, R. Hamilton, M. Doherty, T. Clarkin and E. Bennett.

The County Manager attended with Mr. M. Murphy B.E.

In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman

Proposed by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mrs. Ryan

Mr. Dunphy was moved to the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Presiding Chairman and confirmed.

AIR DISASTER OVER SNOWDONIA.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin

It was agreed to extend the sympathy of the Council to the relatives of the victims of this disaster and to the Aer Lingus Plane, St. Kevan.

In moving the vote of sympathy the Chair and Mr. Clarkin referred to the unique record in air travel of Aer Lingus that this was the only crash and they trusted in Providence to protect future journeys.

PARKING OF VEHICLES ON FOOTPATHS.

Letter dated 9th January I952 was read from the Superintendent of the Garda Siochanna informing the Council that this matter is having his attention.

Noted.

SLIPPERY ROADS.

Report dated 9th January I952 was read from the Assistant Engineer hereunder. The Engineer recommended :-

(I) Surface dress Mary Street with cut back bitumen and blind with I" chippings some time in the late spring or early summer - approximately 300 lineal yards, average width 24 feet. £I40.

(2) Same Michael Street. Length 320 L. yds. width 24 ft. £I50.

(3) Same Cross Lane. Length 420 L. yds. width 24 ft. £200.

Chairman considered the expenditure was not necessary. Mary Street should ~~not~~ accommodate all animal traffic to the town.

Moved by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mrs. Ryan

"That all three streets be undertaken as advised by the Engineer."

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Doherty

"That Mary Street only be treated."

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On a show of hands the Amendment was passed by 4 to 3.

SCAVENGING.

Arising out of a complaint by several Councillors at last Meeting the Assistant Engineer reported under date the 9th January I952, inter alia "I now find that between I7/7/5I and I8th I2/5I thirteen brooms were issued from stock to three members of the scavenging gang". The report continued that " You will no doubt agree that the scavenging gang are fairly well catered for as far as brushes are concerned."

Some Members of the Council persisted in maintaining that brush heads were only being used and it was suggested that any of the scavenging gang who had a grievance should send in same in writing.

Complaint of Oilskin Clothing.

Report dated I5th January I952 was read from the Assistant Engineer that one coat was returned to the supplier, Mr. J. Hanrick, The Quay, New Ross, and he had this coat sent to the Manufacturers, Ideal Waterproofs Ltd., Cork, for inspection. The Manufacturers stated they tested the coat and it was completely waterproof.

Referred to County Manager.

HOUSING.

Assistant Engineer reported under date the 9th January I952 giving particulars of repairs needed to house occupied by Mrs. Hammond, Haughton Place £I7. I6. 0.

County Manager stated he had made an Order that the work be done.

Mr. Clarkin drew attention to the resolution of the Council that until the work specified in the report of the Housing Committee be carried out further repairs be deferred.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by the Chair it was decided to hold the next Meeting of the Housing Committee on Monday next at 4 o'clock - the Engineer to be in attendance. As all the Members of this Committee were present no notice would be necessary to them.

FENCING HAUGHTON PLACE ALLEYWAY.

This matter was again referred to. In the opinion of the Council the present fence of corrugated iron was ineffective and a concrete wall was necessary.

Referred to County Manager.

Nunnery Lane Houses.

Progress report dated I4th January I952, by Mr. M.J. Murphy, B.E., Clerk of Works, was read.

Replying to Mr. Clarkin, the Engineer stated he hoped to have four houses ready for occupation before March next and the Scheme completed by the end of June.

Council considered the report satisfactory.

MUNICIPAL THEATRE.

Replying to Mr. Clarkin, Town Clerk informed the Meeting that no reply had been received from Mr. Breen. Mr. Clarkin informed the Council that under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, I948, Sections (I) and (4) the Council had power to erect and provision a

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Municipal Hall. He would later move that this action be taken. Before this action it appeared necessary to have public support and so suggested that the Members of the Council might unofficially hold a Meeting of all interested to be held in the Large Room, Tholsel, on next Monday night after the Men's Confraternity Meeting in order to obtain their views.

Agreed.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

Tralee Urban Council.

Moved by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Reddy this Resolution requesting the Minister not to allow the Valuation Officer to revalue the premises of those who are obliged under the new Health Acts to make improvements or alterations was agreed - the Chairman objecting on the grounds that if all voluntary improvements are liable there was no case for forced improvements made under the Health Acts.

Tralee Urban Council.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton this resolution requesting the Government to implement legislation to annual restrictive trading leading to emigration and unemployment was agreed.

HOUSING SITES.

County Manager opened three proposals and they were read by the Chairman.

Mr. Clarkin then intimated that he understood the time for receipt of tenders had not expired according to the terms of the advertisement. He, with other Councillors expected more offers.

County Manager stated if this was so it was most unfair to have the offers read. He advised the Council to issue a new advertisement specifying the 25th January I952 at noon as the latest date for the receipt of offers.

This was agreed and that a special Meeting of the Council be called to consider the offers. It was also agreed that offers read be considered as strictly in Committee.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY THE 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1952

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

PRESENT:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs. Hamilton, Clarkin, Dunphy, Reddy, and Bennett.

The County Manager was present.

The Engineer was also in attendance.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the motion of the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Colfer and family on the death of Mr. T.A. Colfer late Solicitor to the Council. The County Manager associated himself with the vote.

On the motion of Mr. Bennett.
Seconded by Mr. Reddy, votes of sympathy were also passed to the relatives of the late Mr. J. O'Callaghan and Mr. O'Shea.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minute re Housing sites it was determined that special notice should be served on the Members in all cases in which the Council decided to hold a special meeting .

Letter was read from the Chairman and staff of Aer Lingus deeply appreciating the Council's vote of sympathy in connection with the sad accident in North Wales.

Letter was also read from Mrs. Carton, Rosbercon and Mrs. Wilson, John Street thanking the Council for their sympathy in their recent bereavement.

SAVOY CINEMA, NEW ROSS.

Mr. Breen replied re letting of this Hall that it was leased to him at the maximum rent obtainable in open competition and he was entitled to run it as an ordinary business proposition. The terms of letting do not compare unfavourably with the terms of letting in all other houses of his circuit.

No Order.

Clerk notified the Council that a Deputation had been notified by Mr. Clarkin relative.

The deputation did not attend.

LEASING AND SALE OF PROPERTY

Clerk notified the Council that copies of the Statutory Notice relative to the leasing of a plot at Barrack Lane to the Handball Committee and the sale of property at Upper Mary Street to Lawrence Barron and the Reps. of Mr. Cody had been sent by registered post to each Councillor.

Moved by Mr. Reddy,
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin it wasagreed to confirm the sale to Lawrence Barron and Reps Mr. Cody,

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was agreed to confirm the lease of the Handball Committee.

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HOUSING SITES.

Chairman intimated that there were five offers of Housing Sites. Philip Doyle offerred 4 acres 2 rds. and 30 perches at Southknock for £650, Christopher Murphy offerred 6 acres free of rent at Southknock for £1000, Mrs. Ronan, Pondfields offerred 3 acres @ £600 or 10½ acres @ £150 per acre, Alexander Nolan offerred 2½ acres at Charleton Hill for £400. P.J.Mooney per Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor tendered a site at Barrack Lane - No price mentioned.

The County Manager advised that in the open market and at Enniscorthy the price was about £150 per acre.

Decided on the motion of Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy to adjourn consideration to a special Council meeting to be held within a week and in the meantime Mr. Doyle and Mrs. Ronan be asked to modify their price.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to a site at Ard Na Griene the property of the Council. It was agreed some time ago that this site could accommodate sixteen dwellings. In view of this and that there were so many derelict sites in the town suitable for housing he suggested there was no immediate necessity for buying new sites.

County Manager intimated that the Council had derelict sites on which to build more than twenty dwellings. A conveyance of the lands was necessary in each case. This would establish title.

On the suggestion of Mr. Clarkin it was agreed without a vote that title be established for each derelict site.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was moved to erect eight houses at Ard-Na-Griene, the same type as at J.K.L.Place.

The proposition was not put to the Meeting.

The Chairman suggested that building for the present be confined to Irishtown and Bullawn in which there are about twenty sites and the Engineer should be instructed to make a further survey and submit a report to next meeting.

No Order.

CONTRACT OR DIRECT LABOUR.

Replying to Mr. Bennett the County Manager informed the Meeting that the Contractor would have an advantage building on derelict sites.

No Order.

WATER SCHEME - ROSBERCON

Mr. Clarkin suggested that the Contractor be informed that at present there were a greater number of unemployed in the town and he might consider it expedient to start work on this scheme without waiting for complete delivery of his plant.

Agreed.

SEALING OF CONTRACT AND BOND, RYAN BROS. TO THE COUNCIL.

This Contract - Haughton Place Houses- was duly signed by the County Manager, Sealed and Witnessed by the Chairman.

COMPLAINTS OF WATER SHORTAGE

Mr. Hamilton complained again of the shortage of supply. It was available from 8 o'clock a.m. to 9 a.m. Mr. Bennett agreed and reported that Cross Lane and William St. were mostly affected.

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County Manager read from the report of the Water Inspector of the 18th that the water was turned off at Rosbercon from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until the Maltstores were finished drawing on the supply and then it was restored. The tower went dry on the 6th.

Mr. Clarkin notified that he had a complaint that there was no water from 4 p.m. until the following morning and since then it is off from 6 p.m. to 7.30 a.m. The tower runs dry and the water is not coming in.

County Manager read from report that there were 45,000 galls in the tower on yesterday and 40,000 today. On the 18th January the Water Inspector reported that the booster was gone out of Order and he reported same to the Engineer.

Moved by Mr. Clarkin,
Seconded by the Chair, it was agreed to cut off the supply to the town from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m for the present in order to maintain the supply.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Members of this Committee agreed to meet with the Engineer at 4.30 p.m. and to arrange the date between themselves and the Engineer without official notice.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING

held on

TUESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1952

PRESENT: - Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, Councillors E. Bennett, T. Clarkin, M. Reddy, R. Hamilton and M. Dunphy.

IN ATTENDANCE: - T.F. McDermott, deputising for County Manager.
M.J. O'Connor, Acting Town Clerk.

BUSINESS

(1) Consideration of Tenders - Building Sites

Three reconsidered offers were placed before meeting -

(a)	Mrs. B. Ronan -	£550	(£600) -	3 acres	(approx.) at Pondfields.
(b)	Mr. Alex Nolan -	£360	(-) -	2½ "	(approx.)at Charleton Hill.
(c)	Mr. Plilip Doyle -	£700	(£650) -	6 "	(approx.) " William St.

(The previous offers are shown in parentheses).

It was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Councillor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Reddy -

"That an offer of £450 be made to Mrs. Ronan for her property at Pondfields, comprising 3 acres (approx.) for use as a building site, or, if this offer is not accepted, that the Manager be empowered, as an alternative to offer Mr. Nolan a sum not exceeding £130 per acre for his land."

(2) Machinery Yard - Show Grounds

It was proposed by Councillor Bennett,
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy, and agreed

"That the site at the lower end of the Show Grounds, near river edge, be given to the County Council for use as Machinery Yard on a short term lease of five years."

Water Supply

It was directed that the Engineer and Waterworks Inspector be present at next meeting of the Council to discuss the above matter.

Date of Estimates Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Bennett,
seconded by Councillor Reddy, and agreed

"That the Estimates Meeting of the Council be held on 18th March, subject to confirmation by Ministers Order".

Overdraft Accommodation.

On the proposition of Councillor Bennett,
Seconded by Councillor Reddy, it was agreed -

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"That subject to the sanction of the Minister, the Council apply to the Treasurer for overdraft accommodation, in connection with the Rosbercon Waterworks Scheme and Haughton Place Housing Scheme, in sum of £3000 in each case, pending receipt of the loan from the Commissioners of Public Works."

/This concluded the business of the Meeting./

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TUESDAY I8th MARCH I952 - ESTIMATES MEETING.

The Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, the I8th March I952, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.,

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan, Councillors, E. Bennett, M. Reddy, M. Dunphy, T. Clarkin and R. Hamilton.

In attendance :- T.D. Sinnott, County Manager
M.J. Murphy, Engineer
D.J. O'Connor, Acting Town Clerk.

A detailed statement of the Manager's Estimate of Expenditure and Receipts had be n circularised to the Members setting out :-

Expenditure	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by U.D.C.
Urban Roads	£I,447	£I,347
Sanitary Services	£4,635	£4,585
Housing	£9,079	£9,079
General Urban Purposes	£I2,608	£I2,247
Receipts		
Urban Roads	£95.	£95.
Sanitary Services	£575	£875
Housing	£7,48I	£7,48I
General Urban Purposes	£2,563	£2,563

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND

Main Roads	£650. 5. II
Public Assistance	£3068. I3. 9
Mental Hospital	£II56. 8. 5
Health (County)	378. 8. 8
General Purposes (County)	£I864. 6. 9
Separate Charges	3. I6. 6

The County Manager intimated that on consideration of the estimated figures the sum of £I00 shown as the local contribution towards the Relief Scheme under Roads could be omitted as it had already been included in the Urban Roads Demand. Public Lighting could be reduced by £50, and a receipt of £300 could be taken into account in respect of arrears of County Council contribution to the scavenging of main roads.

After a discussion it was decided :-

(I) to reduce the expenditure under roads by £I00
(2) to reduce the expenditure under Public Lightingby £50
(3) to reduce the expenditure under Derelict Sites by £20.
(4) to reduce Office Expenditure by £60
(5) to reduce Refunded, Irrecoverable and Rates Discount by £6I.
(6) omit the loan charges in respect of the proposed weighbridge as it seemed unlikely that sufficient progress would have been made to necessitate this provision of £2I0.
(7) take a receipt of £300 into account under Sanitary Services.

On the proposition of Councillor Clarkin
Seconded by Councillor Hamilton it was decided to adopt a rate of 30/5 in the £ - a reduction of I36¼ on the estimate submitted.

Chairman Michael Dunphy
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TUESDAY 18th MARCH 1952 - MONTHLY MEETING.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairmanm Presiding, Mrs. Ryan, Councillors E. Bennett, M. Reddy, M. Dunphy, T. Clarkin and R. Hamilton.

In attendance:- T.D. Sinnott, County Manager,
M.J. Murphy, Engineer,
P. Grace, Water Inspector
D.J. O'Connor, Acting Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 19th February and of the Adjourned Meeting held on 26th February was read and signed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

On the proposition of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Bennett a vote of sympathy was passed with the Bishop and Clergy of the diocese on the death of Very Rev. Canon Hore, P.P., Rathnure.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy a vote of sympathy was extended to the Bishop and relatives of the late Father James Quigley on their sad bereavement.

Proposed by Councillor Dunphy
Seconded by Councillor Clarkin a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late James Murphy, Bewley St.

WATER SUPPLY.

Councillor Clarkin asked the Engineer if anything could be done with the booster at Irishtown which was out of order. After a lengthy discussion on the subject of distribution of the water supply it was agreed that the question of fixing the booster be dealt with immediately so as to ensure a reasonable supply of water being made available to the residents of both upper and lower levels of the town.

ROSBERCON WATERWORKS SCHEME.

The question of recruitment of labour with regard to the Improvement Scheme at Rosbercon was raised by Councillor Hamilton. It was stressed that local labour had not been engaged to any appreciable extent. It was pointed out to the meeting that the matter was one for the Union but that the Council could make a recommendation that employment should be taken from the Urban Area and the Council would support the Union in the matter of remuneration in so far as it related to the rate obtaining in the district.

PURCHASE OF LAND - HOUSING SITE.

The Meeting was informed that Mrs. Ronan, Pondfields had reduced her price in respect of the site at Pondfields containing 3 acres, approximately, to £500.

It was proposed by Councillor Bennett
Seconded by Councillor Reddy

"That the Council proceed to acquire the site at Pondfields owned by Mrs. Ronan, for the sum of £500."

It was proposed by Councillor Clarkin
Seconded by Councillor Hamilton

"That the Council accept Mr. A. Nolan's offer to dispose of a site at Charleton Hill, containing 2½ acres, approximately, for £360."

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A vote resulted :-

For Councillor Bennett's Proposal :- (5)

Chairman, Councillors Bennett, Reddy, Dunphy and Mrs. Ryan.

For Councillor Clarkin's Amendment :- (2)

Councillors Clarkin and Hamilton.

Councillor Bennett's Proposal was therefore carried.

MUNICIPAL HALL PROJECT.

A deputation comprising of three Members was received by the Meeting in connection with the provision of a Municipal Hall at New Ross and requesting the assistance of the Council in the matter. Following a discussion it was decided to form a sub-committee of the Council to meet the deputation on Tuesday, 25th March, at the Tholsel, at 8.0 p.m. The Council sub-committee to comprise the Chairman and Councillors Clarkin and Reddy.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME - CHARLETON HILL (St. Patrick's Place).

A Memorial signed by some twenty-two tenants of the Charleton Hill, (St. Patrick's Place) houses, requesting the formulation of a scheme by the Council enabling them to become owners of their respective houses, was placed before the Meeting.

It was prpposed by Councillor Clarkin
Seconded by the Chairman and resolved

"That we approve of the formulating of a scheme enabling the tenants of the Charleton Hill houses to become owners thereof."

POULMOUNTY WATERWORKS SCHEME - Loan of £I,400.

It was moved by Councillor Clarkin
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and Agreed

"That we apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £I400 to defray the expenses incurred in carrying out the waterworks scheme at Poulmounty, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government."

ROSBERCON WATERWORKS SCHEME - SEALING OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

It was proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Bennett and agreed

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the plans, Specification and General Conditions of Contract in connection with above Scheme.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Chairman Michael Dunphy

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